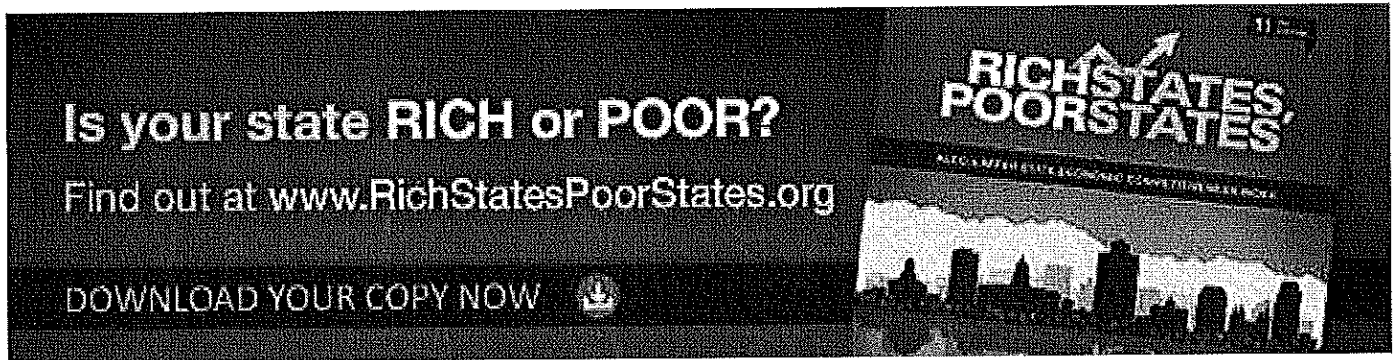


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The brand-new, 11th Edition of ***Rich States, Poor States*** is here. Co-Authored by ALEC Chief Economist Jonathan Williams, White House Advisor Stephen Moore, and "Father of Supply-Side Economics" Dr. Arthur Laffer, *Rich States, Poor States* compares state economic data across 15 different factors to compile rankings of state economic outlook and economic performance. **[Click here to visit richstatespoorstates.org](http://richstatespoorstates.org)**, where you can see the newest data, find where your state ranks and compare it against other states and historical trends to see the impact of tax reform and strong and weak economic policies.

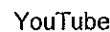
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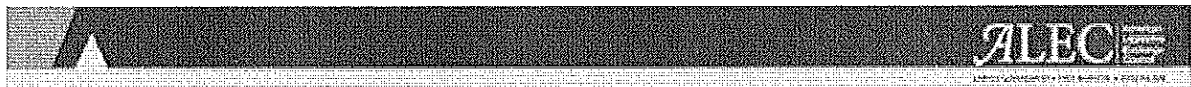
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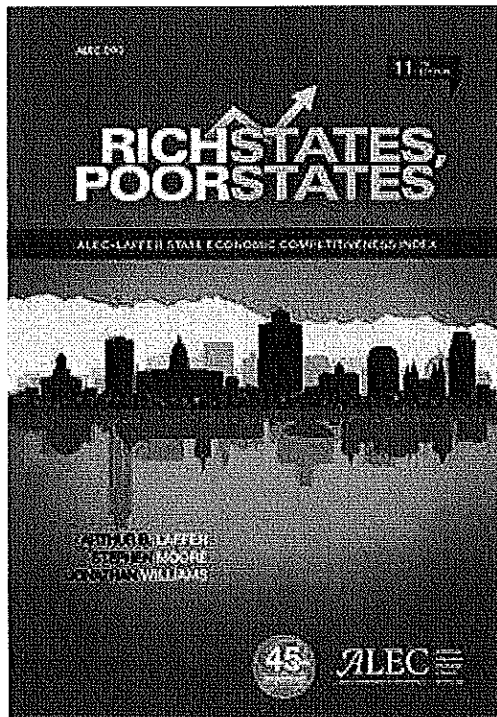
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Rich States, Poor States

The 11th Edition of *Rich States, Poor States* Has Been Released

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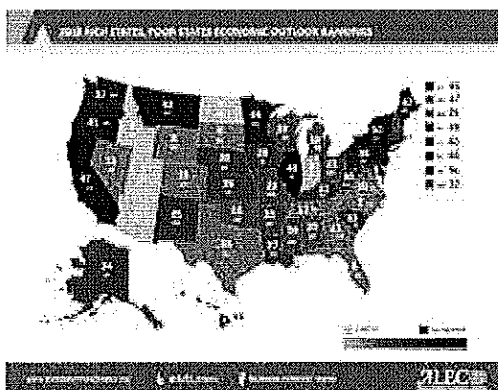
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Rich States, Poor States Coverage

What People Are Saying About *Rich States, Poor States*

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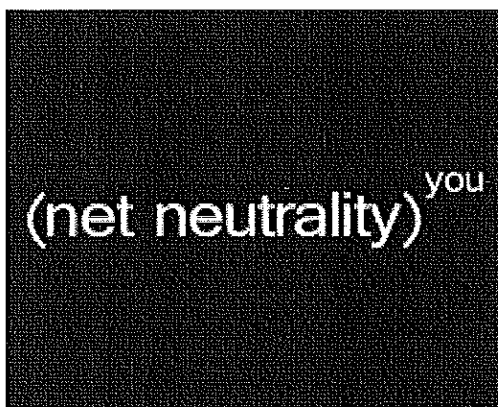


Media and policymakers are already buzzing about the newest edition of *Rich States, Poor States*. The work has been described as "policy shifting" in the past, and in the wake of federal tax reform, it is more relevant than ever. **News 12 New Jersey** aired a segment discussing the reasons for its low ranking, and **Deseret News** of Utah featured an op-ed written by ALEC Chief Economist Jonathan Williams and UT Senate President Wayne Neiderhauser, talking about Utah's unparalleled success in the rankings. In addition, **National Review** ran an op-ed by Jonathan Williams on the pitfalls of "millionaire's taxes" and an exclusive in the **Washington Examiner** detailed the report just before the release. Check out www.richstatespoorstates.org and see for yourself how important this publication is.

ALEC On The Radio

CAT Director Jonathon Hauenschild Discusses Net Neutrality

Jonathon Hauenschild | Communications and Technology



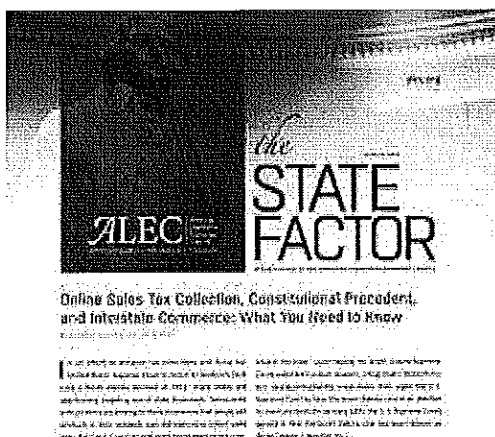
Communications and Technology Task Force Director Jonathon Hauenschild was a guest on the *Chuck and Julie Show* on 710 KNUS in Colorado. Jonathon discussed the contentious topic of Net Neutrality, and some of the misconceptions associated with the debate.

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Online Sales Tax

Oral Arguments Heard in *South Dakota v. Wayfair*

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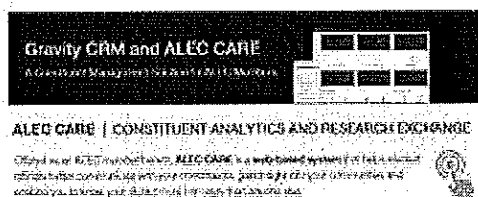
On April 17th, The United States Supreme Court heard oral arguments for the case of *South Dakota v. Wayfair*, which concerns the collection of online sales tax. ALEC has produced a **State Factor Publication** as well as an **Amicus Brief** submitted for the case.

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ALEC-FreedomWorks Legislator of the Week

Battling the Opioid Epidemic in Kentucky
Representative Kim Moser | KY-64



This week, ALEC and FreedomWorks introduce **Kentucky State Representative Kim Moser**. Representative Moser comes from a healthcare background as a Registered Nurse who is dedicated to stemming the tide of the opioid crisis in her state. She cites this as among her chief concerns, recognizing its wide-ranging impact, stating, "Healthcare and addiction issues affect our state workforce, education, criminal justice system, and families."

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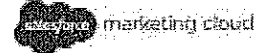


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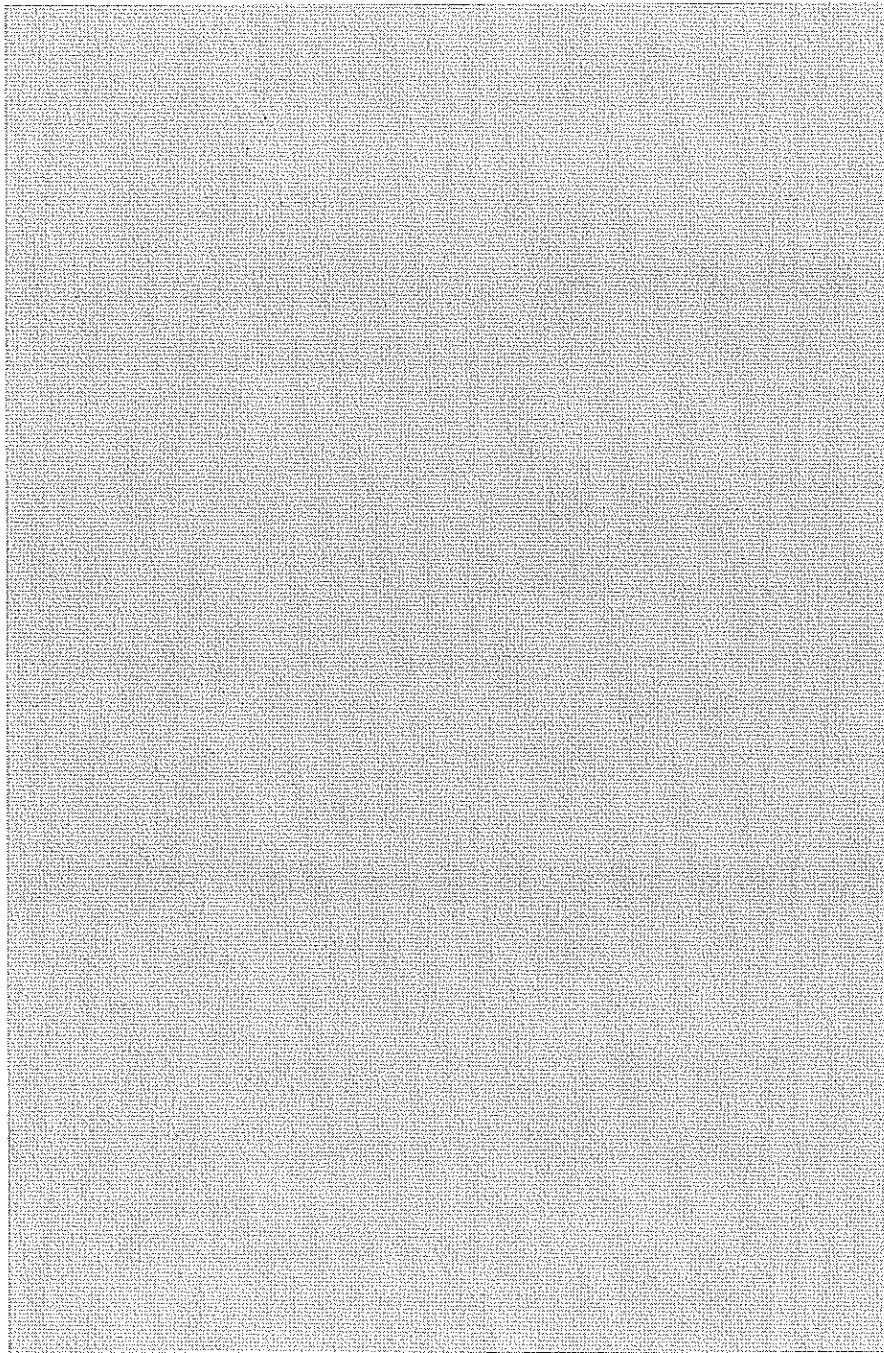
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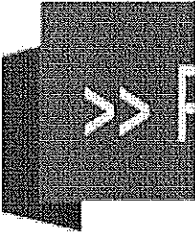
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As the gateway city to Michigan's West Coast, Grand Rapids is also the perfect home base for exploring the wonders of the Lake Michigan shoreline – including

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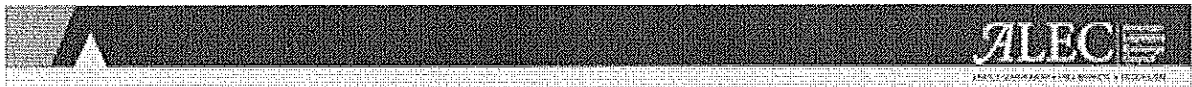
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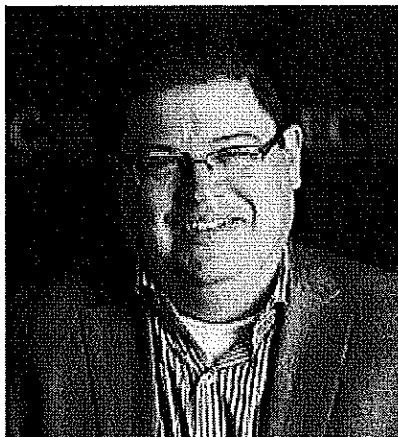
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Center for Innovation and Technology - April 24, 2018

From Center Director Bartlett Cleland: Is It Time to End "Smart Cities?"



For years, the talk of the future of connected communities has been centered in "smart cities." Cloud services, broadband access, the Internet of Things, smart meters, parking apps, smart street lights, traffic management and so much more have all been discussed in terms of a remade urban landscape. But if you care about fresher food, open spaces, a different pace of life, conservation, broad economic success and so on, then the thinking needs to change.

The future should grow from "smart states" to connecting urban, suburban and rural together, each with their own attractions, benefits and opportunities.

One of the key elements for connecting a smart state is plentiful broadband. The internet is a driver of the U.S. economy, responsible for an economic footprint of \$421 billion and 2.9 million jobs. Specific to rural areas, the administration's "Rural Prosperity Report" 2010 says, "E-connectivity, or electronic connectivity, is more than just connecting households, schools, and healthcare centers to each other as well as the rest of the world through high-speed internet. It is also a tool that enables increased productivity for farms, factories, forests, mining, and small businesses." No wonder a clear majority of Americans agree that it is integral to

our economy. That notion is informed by the provision of high-performance internet access to the vast majority of households, about 93 percent, in the United States – including millions in rural areas. But how to connect those last few percent, many of whom are in rural areas? Getting government out of the way is a great place to start.

Early this year, President Trump directed the Department of Interior to allow broadband companies to co-locate their equipment on infrastructure that the Department already has in place. This one simple change will make rural broadband more available and affordable in rural America. More generally, the wide variation in how broadband providers can access federal property causes dramatic slow-downs and great waste. Government needs to move at the speed of innovation, increasing inter-agency cooperation and developing stream-lined consistent processes. More than most improvements this would lead to faster, further reaching broadband deployment.

Another easy improvement would be to require conduits (plastic pipes thorough which wires can be pulled) in all appropriate infrastructure projects. This so called “dig once” approach saves money and also allows for more rapid deployment of new technologies. Such policies are already in place in Arizona, Minnesota and Utah, as well as several municipalities. Even improving access to rights of way would be a step in the right direction. Whether federal or state, access to rights of way should be sped up. Applications for approval to build out broadband infrastructure should be given a priority, perhaps placed on a “shot-clock” so that if action is not taken on an application it is automatically approved.

Additionally, fees and lease payments for right of way rental should be eliminated or at least minimized for access for broadband facilities. Similarly, rents set for attachment of broadband equipment and lines to existing poles must be carefully considered avoiding any truly arbitrary rate increase that slows deployment and increases costs to consumers.

When government acts it must carefully consider those actions. Any financial intervention by the government must focus on the incrementally next most costly areas that are currently unserved with no immediate future plans to be connected. Recently, Congress approved \$600 million for rural broadband expansion via the Agriculture Department’s Rural Utilities Service. A similar fund under the previous administration wasted billions, limiting delivery on the promise to expand rural broadband. This sort of federal support should require local jurisdictions to find additional ways to remove any barriers to broadband deployment. The

administration needs to be forward thinking, making sure that areas currently being served are not being "overbuilt," wasting money while providing nothing new. Households with no broadband access should be the priority.

Where any legislation is concerned, particular technologies should not be the focus as there are no "future proof" technologies. Such technological neutrality has a great benefit -- bringing all qualified broadband providers to the market to enhance the competition and ultimately benefits to consumers. Both fixed and wireless need to be considered as both are necessary. For example, 5G will be great for hyper local applications such as will be abundant in smart cities. But smart states will take a different and familiar approach, using a combination of new fiber and wireless. Other technologies, such as satellite, will also play a role.

While widely dispersed populations, such as those in rural areas of the United States, can be challenging to serve profitably, federal state and local governments can help in removing barriers. Broadband will make a difference in rural America, and by doing so will help the growth of smart states.



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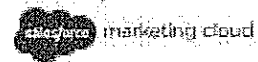


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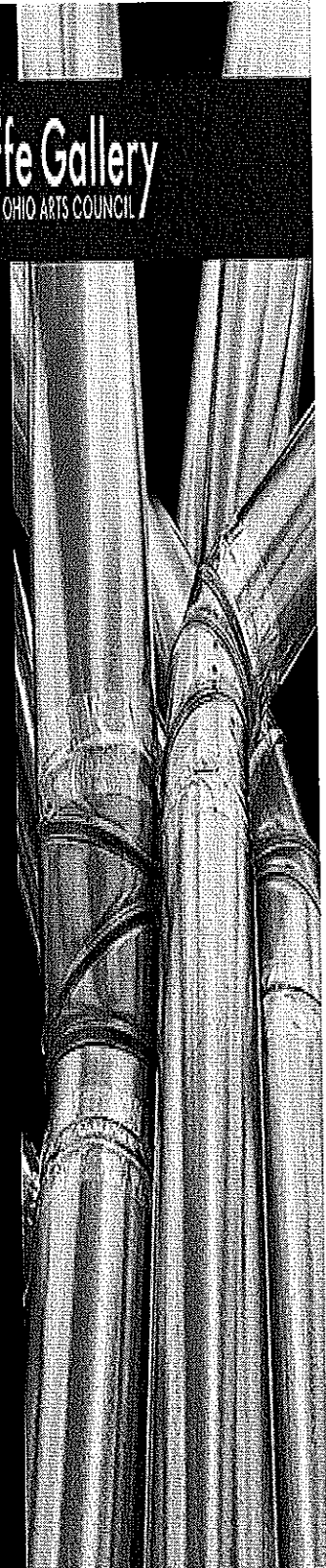
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WOMEN TO WATCH OHIO - 2018

A collaboration with the Ohio Advisory Group of the
National Museum of Women in the Arts

MAY 3 - JULY 7, 2018



The Ohio Arts Council's (OAC) Riffe Gallery presents *Women to Watch Ohio – 2018*, May 3 – July 7, 2018.

Women to Watch Ohio – 2018 showcases the work of 10 Ohio women working with metal through sculpture, installation, jewelry, and two-dimensional works. The exhibition is developed in collaboration with the Ohio Advisory Group of the National Museum of Women in the Arts and is curated by Ann Bremner and Matt Distel.

The exhibition features artists Mary Jo Bole (Columbus), Carol Boram-Hays (Columbus), Carmel Buckley (Cincinnati), Susan R. Ewing (Oxford), Tracy Featherstone (Hamilton), Llewellynn Fletcher (Cincinnati), Leila Khoury (Cleveland), Kelly Malec-Kosak (Columbus), Marissa Saneholtz (Bowling Green), and Olga Ziemska (Cleveland).

The exhibition references an international *Women to Watch* exhibition held every two to three years in Washington D.C. at the National Museum of Women in the Arts with the support of outreach affiliates and museum curators around the world. This is the second *Women to Watch* exhibition initiated by the Ohio Advisory Group and the first to encompass mid-Ohio as well as the northeast and southwest regions of the state.

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OPENING RECEPTION

Thursday, May 3, 5 - 7 p.m.

Be the first to see the exhibition, meet the artists, curators, and other art enthusiasts.

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CURATORS' TOUR

Friday, May 4, noon - 1 p.m.

Ann Bremner and Matt Distel will lead an in-depth tour about the exhibition.

WIRE DRAWING IN SPACE WITH

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CARMEL BUCKLEY

Friday, May 11, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Bend and join wire to create portrait sculptures. Register at RiffeGallery.org, April 23 – May 10.

WITH KELLY MALEC-KOSAK

Wednesday, May 23, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Learn to create a woven bracelet using metal jump rings. Register at RiffeGallery.org, May 4 – May 22.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

PLAYSHOP WITH OLGA ZIEMSKA

Saturday, June 23, 1 – 3 p.m.

Use natural materials to build a bas-relief sculpture utilizing positive and negative space. Register at RiffeGallery.org, May 23 – June 22.

ARTIST TALKS

noon - 1 p.m.

Llewellynn Fletcher | Tuesday, May 22

Susan Ewing | Wednesday, May 30

Mary Jo Bole | Wednesday, June 13

Marissa Saneholtz | Thursday, June 14

Leila Khoury | Tuesday, June 19

Tracy Featherstone | Wednesday, June 20

Carol Boram-Hays | Wednesday, June 27

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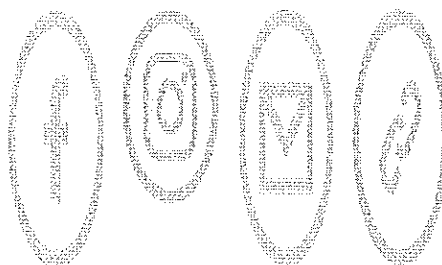
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As reflected below... a wide range of individuals and organizations do:
American Enterprise Institute, The CBO Director, the New York Times,
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Peter G. Peterson Foundation, Former Utah Congressman Jason Chaffetz, Former US Senator Gregg, The Hill, Heartland Institute, the American Legislative Exchange Council, Americans for Tax Reform, the Center for Freedom and Prosperity, FreedomWorks, and the BBA Task Force... just to name a few!

- **'Swiss Debt Brake' Gets Increased Attention**
- **Article V Expert Address the AV Fear Campaign**
- **Former Eagle Forum Leader Changed Her Position on AV**
- **Article V Legislative Progress Report: An Update**

AEI Report: Federal Fiscal Complacency is Now Dangerous –

"The Congressional Budget Office's latest forecast makes a convincing case that fiscal complacency is now dangerous for the U.S. economy," says James C. Capretta at the American Enterprise Institute in an April 13 report.

His review of the most recent Congressional Budget Office (CBO) study indicates *"the federal government will borrow an additional \$12.4 trillion over the next 10 years. At the end of 2028, the federal government will have outstanding debt of \$28.7 trillion, or 96 percent of GDP. Ten years ago, federal debt was equal to 39 percent of GDP."*

Capretta says there is a case to be made for a balanced budget amendment. Read his report [HERE](#).

CNBC Report: 'Debt is About to Explode' –

A **CNBC** report on the above-referenced CBO report carried a quote by CBO Director Keith Hall: *"Such high and rising debt would have serious consequences for the budget and the nation ... The likelihood of a fiscal crisis for the United States will increase."*

Read that April 9 article [HERE](#).

NY Times: 'Deficit Fuels Fear of Crisis' –

NY Times writer Thomas Kaplan says that by 2028 *"debt held by the public will almost match the size of the nation's economy ... a higher level than any point since just after World War II and well past the level that economists say could court a crisis."*

Kaplan quotes Michael A. Peterson, president and chief executive of the Peter G. Peterson Foundation, which advocates reining in budget deficits, as saying the CBO report *"confirms that major damage was done to our fiscal outlook in just the past few months."*

He adds another quote from CBO Director Hall as saying that *"beyond a decade, the debt would continue to rise compared with the size of the economy. He warned of the possible consequences if lawmakers put off addressing the trajectory of the government's finances. 'The longer you wait, the more draconian the measures have to be to fix the problem'."*

Read the entire NY Times article [HERE](#).

Jason Chaffetz: Give States the Opportunity to Vote on a BBA –

FOX News.com has carried an article by former Utah Congressman Jason Chaffetz entitled *"10 Things Congress Should Do, But Won't"*. Chaffetz says, *"Congress is on the clock. Time is ticking. Here are ten actions Congress should take now to truly do the work of the American people, but they won't."*

One of Chaffetz's suggestions was: *"Give the states the opportunity to vote on whether Congress should be subject to balancing the federal budget. We will never reign in spending until the American people have to pay for what we're actually spending. ... If two-thirds of the states want Congress to balance the budget, then they'll have a mandate to do it."*

Read Chaffetz's full list of suggestions [HERE](#).

Former US Senator Gregg: 'We're Headed Over a Cliff' –

During April Judd Gregg (a former New Hampshire Governor and former US Senator), who once served as chair of the US Senate Budget Committee, appeared on radio station WBUR (Boston) where he said: *"We're headed over a cliff as a nation."*

Reacting to the recent CBO report Gregg is quoted as saying, *"[It means that] at some point in the future, we're gonna have a fiscal issue that's very significant, some sort of fiscal crisis, and that we'll inevitably pass onto our children a lower standard of living, because they'll have to pay down all this debt that we've run up during our generation and pass that debt onto them. And that will reduce their standard of living, and it's not right. We should be much more fiscally responsible than we're being as a government."*

Senator Gregg is affiliated with the [Campaign to Fix the Debt](#), and recently joined the board of the [BBA Foundation](#). Listen to the Gregg interview [HERE](#).

The Hill: Congressional BBA Sought 'Lipstick on a Pig' –

Just before the US House voted on its version of a BBA, **The Hill** carried an article entitled: ***"GOP Amendment Tries to put Lipstick on Our Budget Pig= 2***. After the authors finished deriding the proposal (which did not pass), they offered some observations.

They pointed out that *"not all balanced budget amendments are created equal, and even if this one were to pass ... it leaves much to be desired."* Among other deficiencies, the recently considered Congressionally-proposed BBA was not self-enforcing.

The authors noted that *"any reasonable balanced budget amendment should aim not to*

end federal borrowing entirely, but to deter such borrowing absent exigent circumstances.” They said, “The key to an effective BBA is language that enforces a balanced budget over time without mandating one. Many proposals exist for doing just this, complete with penalties when Congress doesn’t abide.”

Read their entire opinion piece [HERE](#).

Heartland Institute: ‘Fake BBA is an Insult to Conservatives’ –

A commentary produced by **Heartland Institute’s** Justin Haskins, published by **The Blaze** on April 16, right after the US House failed to advance its proposed BBA, carried this headline: ***“GOP’s Fake Balanced Budget Amendment Plan is an Insult to Conservatives Everywhere”***.

Haskins said, *“the proposed amendment include(d), in the words of conservative Rep. Thomas Massie (R-Ky.), ‘a loophole you can drive a truck through’: If three-fifths of both houses of Congress approve, unbalanced budgets could be passed without delay. The reason Congress, whether it’s run by Republicans or Democrats, will likely never pass a balanced budget amendment is because most members of Congress have a strong personal incentive to continue to run large deficits.”*

The author suggests that *“A balanced budget amendment is the only way to ensure the federal government acts responsibly. At this point, nothing else will work. But if Congress has no intention of passing a (meaningful) balanced budget amendment, how will this problem ever get resolved?”*

Haskins concludes, *“America’s only hope of averting fiscal disaster rests with a handful of states that have yet to pass balanced budget amendment applications.”*

Read Haskins’ commentary [HERE](#).

ALEC Calls for Congress to Support an Article V Convention –

Just before the US House voted on its version of a BBA, the **American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC)** sent a letter to House Speaker Ryan and Senate President McConnell. The letter, over the signature of ALEC President Lisa Nelson was formally endorsed by 10 other organizations including Americans for Tax Reform, the Center for Freedom and Prosperity, FreedomWorks, and the BBA Task Force.

Headlined ***“Congress Needs to Get Serious About Balancing the Federal Budget,”*** the letter said, *“The Congress, clearly unable to shake its overspending habit ~~so~~ (should) exercise its constitutional power under Article V to empower the states to draft, and the people to ratify, a Balanced Budget Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.”*

In addition to encouraging the states to meet in convention to draft and propose new fiscal restraints on the federal government, the letter stressed its suggestion that any proposed BBA proposal should be sent to state conventions for ratification. It said: *“the citizens of the United States of America should decide if they want to ratify a BBA that could be designed by their state representatives. In calling for a convention of the states, Congress could honor the principles of federalism and empower the American people to create a fiscally solvent future.”*

Read the entire ALEC letter [HERE](#).

‘Swiss Debt Brake’ Gets Increased Attention –

On April 4 the **Heritage Foundation** hosted a panel discussion ***entitled “Hitting the Brakes on Overspending and Debt”***. The event highlighted the fiscal rules employed by the Swiss government to restrain national debt and expand its economy.

Participants included Jan-Egbert Sturm, Chairman of the Swiss Debt Brake Group of Experts; Barry W. Poulson, Emeritus Professor of Economics, University of Colorado and co-author of ***Can the Debt Growth Be Stopped?***; and Ryan Bourne, R. Evan Scharf Chair for the Public Understanding of Economics, Cato Institute.

The entire hour-long discussion... focused on how a variation of the Swiss Debt Brake fiscal rules could be applied to the US government... can be watched/heard [HERE](#).

A related article by Daniel J. Mitchell of the Cato Institute entitled ***"How the Swiss 'Debt Brake' Tamed Government"*** was published on April 26 by the **Wall Street Journal**. It can be read [HERE](#).

ALSO RELATED: The April 13 edition of **Investor's Business Daily** carried a commentary by Dr. Poulson and his associate John Merrifield, entitled, ***"Closing the Debt-Driven Fiscal Gap Just Got Harder,"*** the piece can be read [HERE](#).

Article V Expert Addresses AV Fear Campaign –

The April 2 edition of **The Hill** carried an article by Professor Rob Natelson entitled ***"Convention for proposing amendments not as scary as big government advocates suggest"***.

Natelson's excellent article addresses the *"renewal and quickening of a 50-year old campaign to dissuade Americans from calling a convention for proposing constitutional amendments."* He points out that the campaign *"uses fear and disinformation to discourage citizens from exercising an important constitutional right."*

He also follows-up with logic and good reasons for ignoring such misinformation and fear. Read his piece [HERE](#).

Former Eagle Forum Leader Changed Her Position on Article V –

Laurie Lister Frost, a previous President of the Scholastic Eagle Forum Chapter, was a close friend of Eagle Forum founder Phyllis Schlafly. She suggests that “the Con Con” fears’ of many Eagle Forum members are misplaced.

Ms. Frost reports that after really studying Article V she has concluded that the founders “gave us Article V in the Constitution to use as our biggest tool ... for proposing amendments to the Constitution... to strengthen the people, the states ... to rein-in the power of the central government.” In a video released by the **Convention of States Project**, Ms. Frost calls on her fellow ‘Eagles’ to put aside unfounded fears.

“I have changed my view. It is simply because I have been educated.” About the founding fathers who wrote the Constitution, Ms. Frost says, “We need to honor them... they laid everything on the line. This is something we can do to honor our legacy of freedom.”

The CoSP video of Ms. Frost’s comments can be seen [HERE](#).

The Article V Legislative Progress Report: An Update –

For the last few years Georgia Attorney David Guldenschuh has tracked Article V activity within state legislatures. His April 10 report shows that approximately 145 Article V items of Article V legislation have been introduced in 36 states this year.

Guldenschuh says, “The lack of successes within the Article V movement in 2018 suggests that each group (except US Term Limits) may be reaching its ceiling with its current funding mechanism. More resources will be needed to find success, particularly since the anti-Article V groups - Common Cause, John Birch Society, Eagle Forum and others - appear to be better funded. The lack of success also harkens back to my 2015 warning in

my Heartland Institute Policy Brief that the advocacy groups needed to do a better job of coordinating their efforts lest they begin to cancel each other out. There is likely an air of Article V burnout in some state legislatures that is further tamping down our successes."

See his entire commentary and current status report chart [HERE](#).

A Closing Thought -

Tench Coxe was a Pennsylvania merchant, delegate to the Annapolis Convention of 1786, and the co-author with Alexander Hamilton of the Report on Manufactures (1791). Leading up to ratification of the 1787 US Constitution, Mr. Coxe wrote an address to the members of the Virginia Ratification Convention. It appeared in the ***Pennsylvania Gazette*** of May 21, 1788... with these closing words:

**"They will remember the provision to obtain amendments,
and will recollect that the power will continue
with the people at large in all time to come."**

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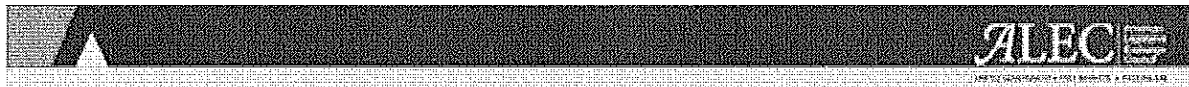
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ALEC in The News

***Rich States, Poor States* Spurs Discussion Across the Country**

Center for State Fiscal Reform



The release of the 11th Edition of *Rich States, Poor States* has policymakers and leaders buzzing all over the US. In Utah, ***Deseret News*** ran an op-ed by Senate President Wayne Niederhauser lauding Utah's continued presence in the top spot. Meanwhile, ***National Review*** featured an op-ed by ALEC Chief Economist Jonathan Williams detailing the problem with so-called "Millionaire's Taxes."

ALEC On The Air

Center for State Fiscal Reform Talks *Rich States, Poor States*, State Budgets

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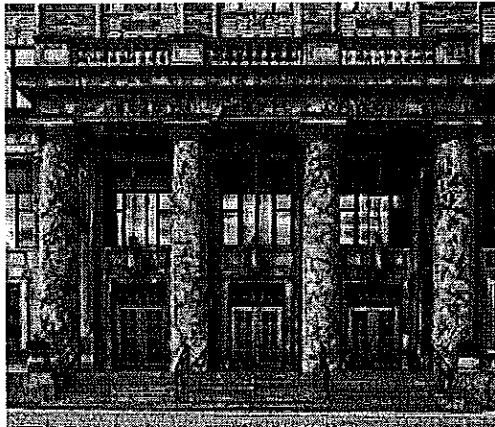


ALEC Chief Economist and VP of the Center for State Fiscal Reform joined a number of radio shows across the country to talk about the mission of the center and to promote the newest edition of **Rich States, Poor States**. Most recently, Williams joined the **Lincoln Radio Journal** in Pennsylvania, and **Red Meat Radio** in Utah alongside ALEC State Chair Representative Kim Coleman.

State Of The States Analysis

State of the States Analysis: The Mountain West and Beyond

Joel Griffith and Thurston Powers | Center for State Fiscal Reform



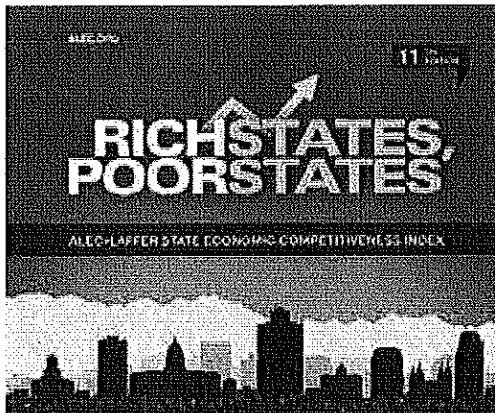
The Center for State Fiscal Reform continues its analysis of State of the State Addresses across the nation. These analyses highlight both strong and weak policies outlined in these speeches and how they may affect those states going forward. This week, the Center looked westward, analyzing **Alaska, Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, and Washington**. To see all analyses to date, follow the link below.

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Rich States Poor States 11th Edition

***Rich States, Poor States 11th Edition* Has Been Released**

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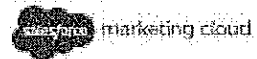


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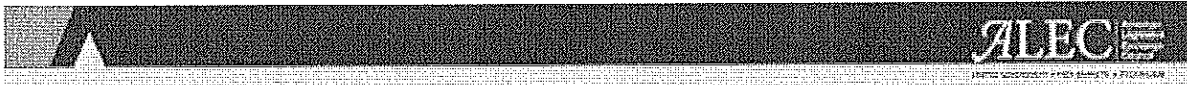


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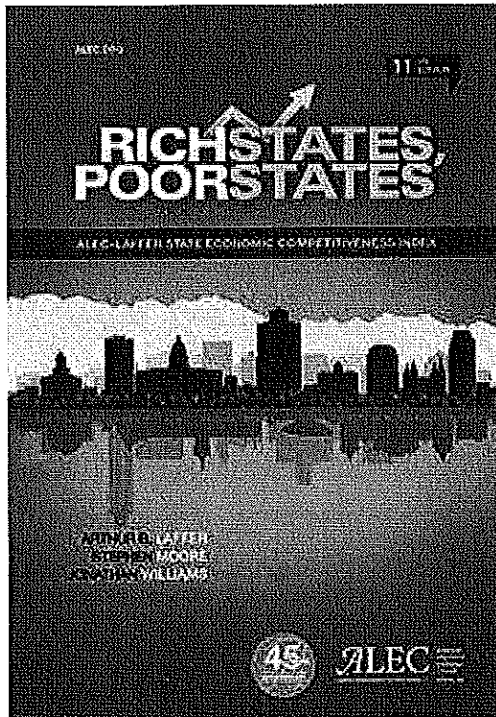
Thank you to everyone who attended the 2018 Spring Task Force Summit and contributed to a successful, informative and fun event. Legislators and private sector members met and discussed many important issues that face the states today and worked together to find new solutions.

In addition, ALEC was honored to host the kick off event of the **Job Creators Network #TaxCutsWork** Bus Tour at the summit and feature ALEC Chief Economist Jonathan Williams and National Chairman Rep. Jason Saine among their speakers.

Rich States, Poor States

The 11th Edition of *Rich States, Poor States* Has Been Released

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ALEC is excited to present the **11th Edition of *Rich States Poor States***. Co-Authored by ALEC Chief Economist Jonathan Williams, White House Advisor Stephen Moore, and "Father of Supply-Side Economics" Dr. Arthur Laffer, *Rich States, Poor States* compares state economic data across 15 different factors to compile rankings for state economic outlook and economic performance.

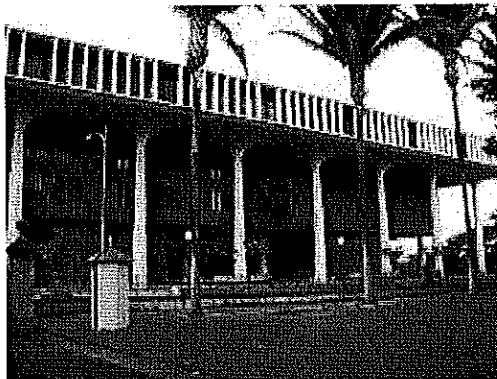
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Center For State Fiscal Reform Continues State of the State Analyses

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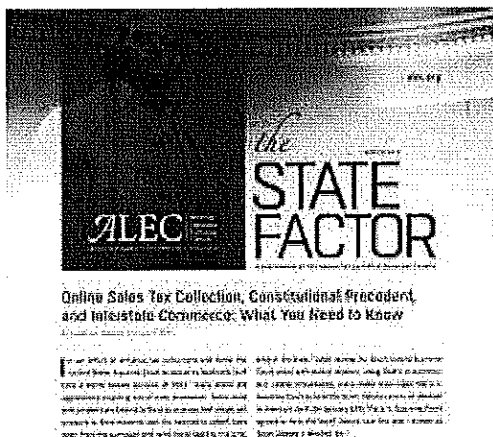
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Online Sales Tax

Oral Arguments Heard in *South Dakota v. Wayfair*

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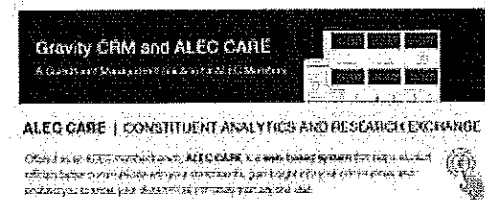
The United States Supreme Court recently heard oral arguments for the case of *South Dakota v. Wayfair*, which concerns the collection of online sales tax. ALEC has a variety of resources on the topic. ALEC has produced a **State Factor Publication** as well as an **Amicus Brief** submitted for the case.

[State Factor](#)

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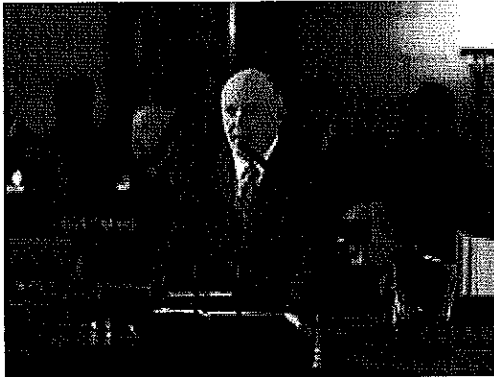


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ALEC-FreedomWorks Legislator of the Week

Serving Taxpayers in Nebraska

Senator Jim Smith | NE-14



This week, ALEC and FreedomWorks introduce **Nebraska Senator Jim Smith**. Senator Smith is focused on making Nebraska more affordable and competitive with surrounding states. As such, he is a strong proponent of comprehensive tax reform, saying "Our corporate and individual income tax rates are not competitive with those of surrounding states, making it difficult to grow our economy, increase our state revenues, and lower our reliance on property taxes to fund local government."

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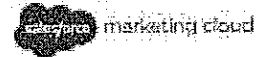


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Judicial Overreach and Rewriting the Rules of the Game in Pennsylvania

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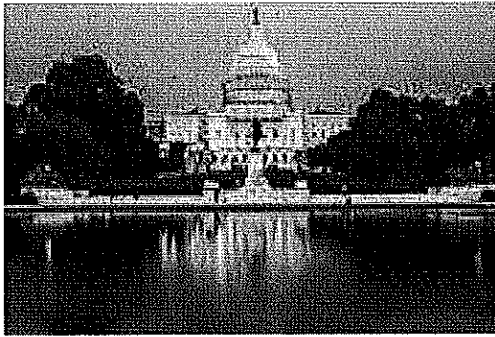


People inherently understand that competitive endeavors, whether sporting contests or elections need rules to function smoothly giving the rule makers a vital role in shaping the competition. In football, the referees are there to interpret the actions on the field according to previously established rules. Similarly, in small "r" republican governments, the courts serve as the referees in legal matters. Problems arise when the referees, or courts, make and interpret the rules. [Read more here.](#)

Focus on Federalism

"Draining the Swamp" in States' Backyards Starts with Grant Reform

Erin Tuttle | *American Principles Project*



The passage of the country's second largest spending bill promises a windfall of federal money to states and localities. In many cases, this money will enable the state to address pressing financial needs. It also requires, however, that state legislators ask some questions. Who will control which of these grants come into your state and under what conditions? Who has a seat at the negotiation table? Will it be elected officials, accountable to the people? Or will it be unknown bureaucrats with their own agendas? And to get the money, what policies will these bureaucrats agree to that might impair your state's sovereignty to make its own decisions, or that might inflate state budgets in the long run? [**Read more here**](#) – model policy based on the concepts outlined in this article will be considered at a **Virtual Task Force Meeting of the Federalism Task Force on Wednesday, June 13.**

International Trade Benefits the States

Protectionism – Everything Old Is New Again

Karla Jones and Ian Cook | Federalism and International Relations Task Force



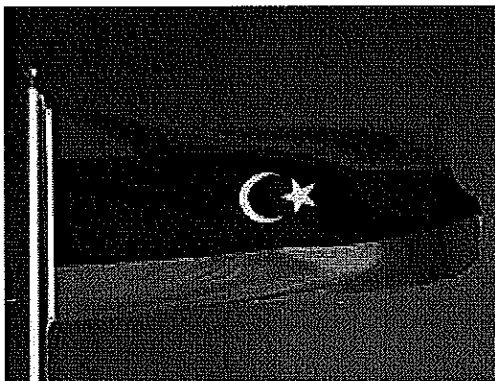
Too many U.S. policy makers have forgotten the lessons learned from protectionist impulses of the past as well as some that have survived to the present. America's current protectionist sugar policy has cost more jobs than it has preserved and led to higher prices on products that hardworking American families buy every day. *Sugar Subsidies: A Bitter Pill for the States to Swallow* describes the nation's [**misguided sugar protectionism here**](#). America's most significant economic partners are aggressively pursuing new trade frameworks and updating old ones, and the U.S. risks being left behind. However, America is not the only country that appears to be succumbing to protectionist impulses. [**Read more here**](#) about Mexico's election where the frontrunner is a populist who has threatened to withdraw from NAFTA. Today's free market

advocates adopted a tactic from 1930 when 1,028 economists urged Congress not to adopt the Smoot-Hawley tariff. [Read more here](#) about a letter submitted to the President and Congress that was signed just last week by more than 1,100 economists voicing opposition to tariffs and protectionism. Ensuring that a free trade agreement is high standard is crucial to the success of a trading partnership. [Contact Karla Jones at **kjones@alec.org** to find out](#) about a letter signed by members of ALEC underscoring the importance of a strong Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) chapter in a modernized NAFTA. [We're still collecting signatures -- The letter can be accessed here.](#)

International Democracy

A Dark Winter Descends on the Arab Spring: Libya Revisited

Ian Cook | Federalism and International Relations Task Force

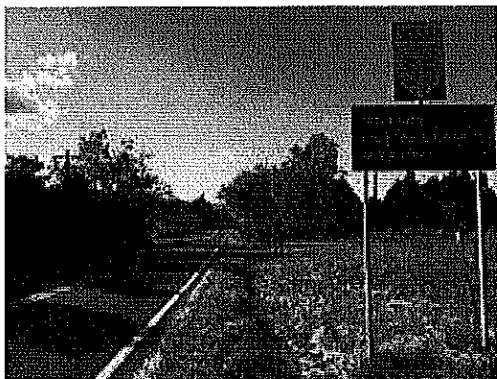


After the hope and excitement for democracy in the Middle East in 2011, the only successful transfer of power from autocracy to democracy is in Tunisia. Its next door neighbor Libya has not been so lucky. [Read more here.](#)

Public Lands

Good News from the Department of the Interior on Access to Public Lands

Karla Jones | Federalism and International Relations Task Force



The U.S. Department of Interior has made announcements in the past month that while positive, underscore why transferring select portions of the vast tracts of federal land in the American West to state control is long overdue. [Read more about it here.](#)

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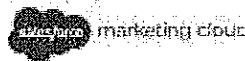


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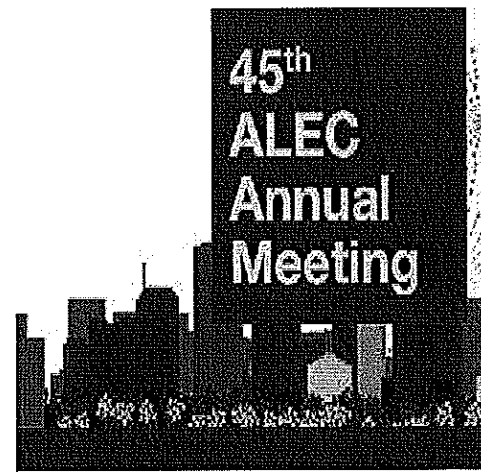
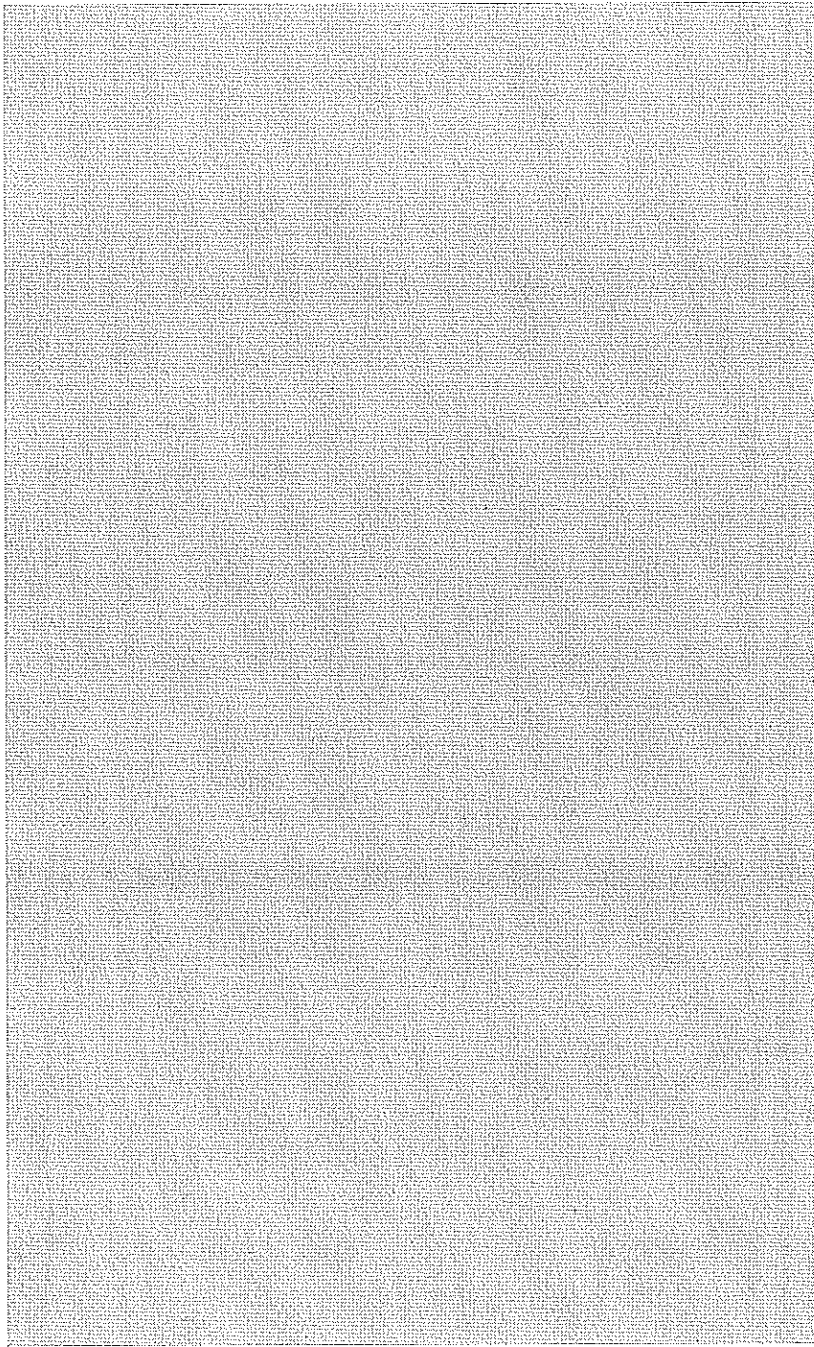
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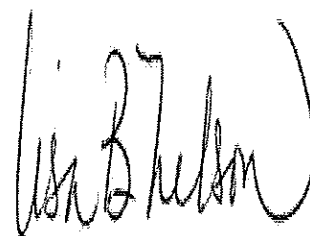
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Dear Friends -

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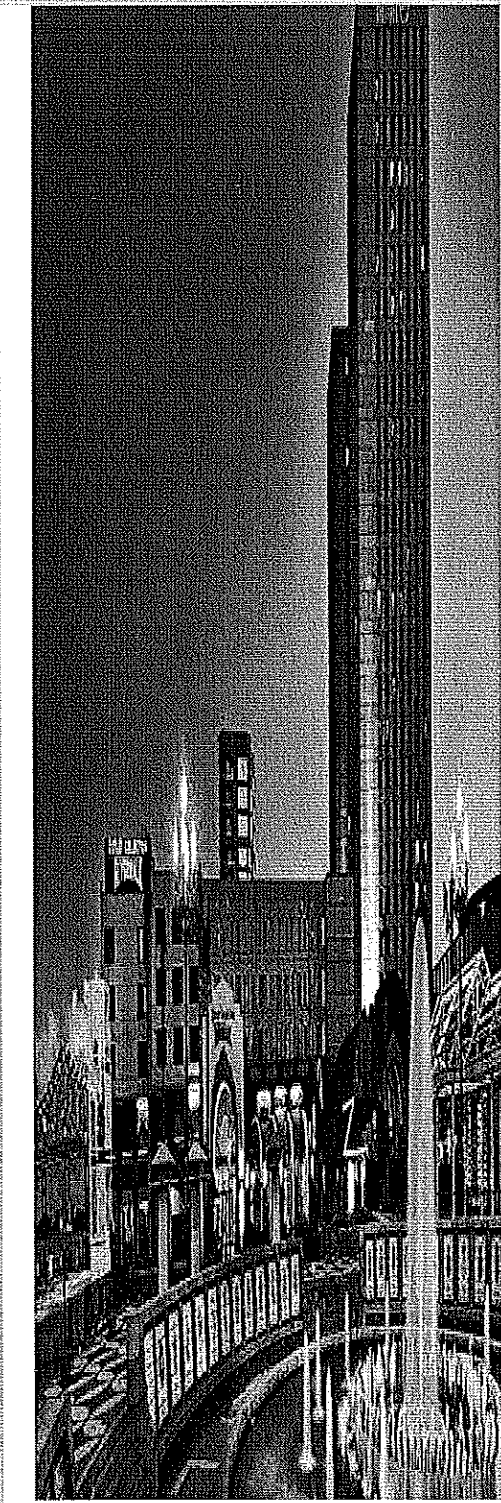
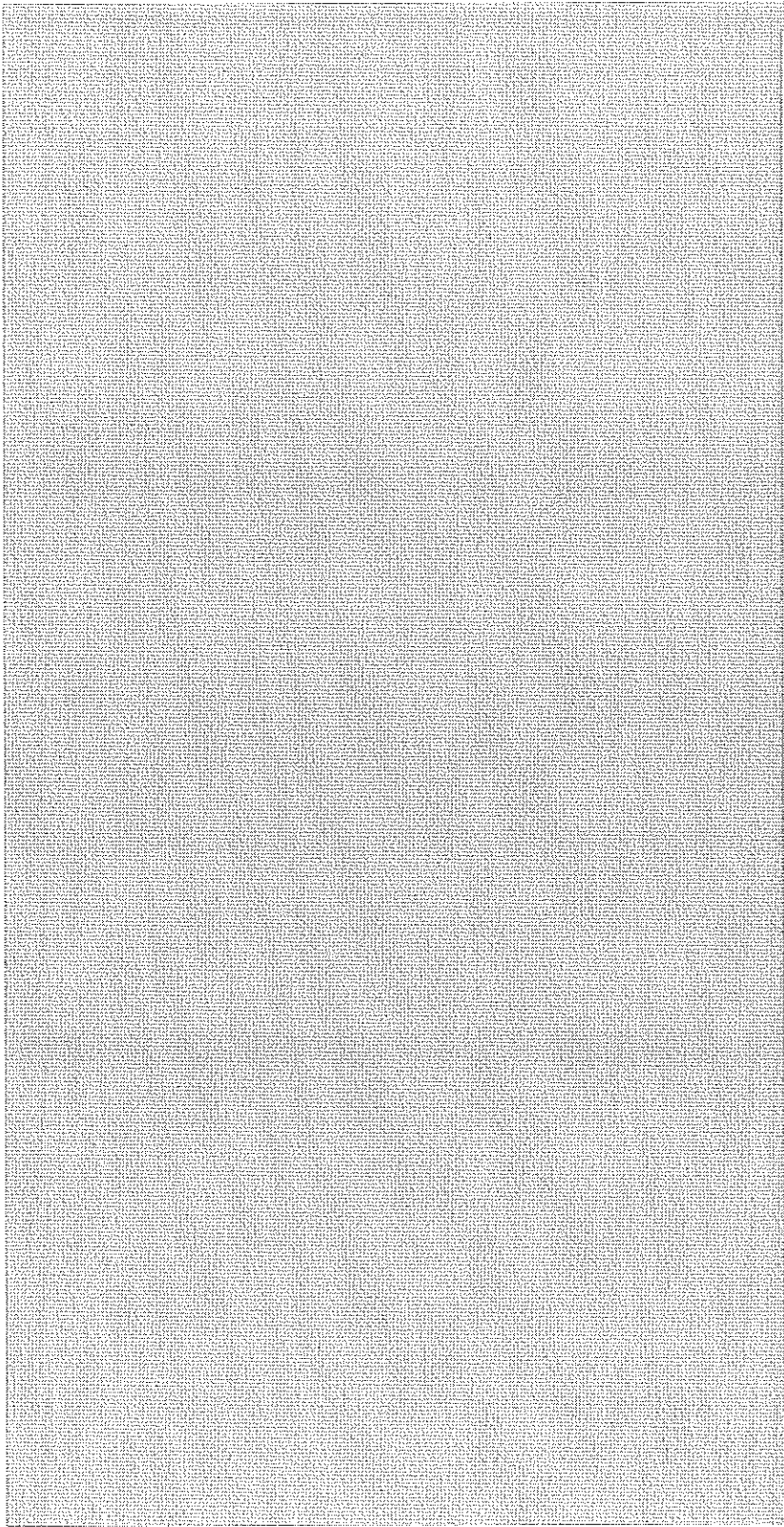


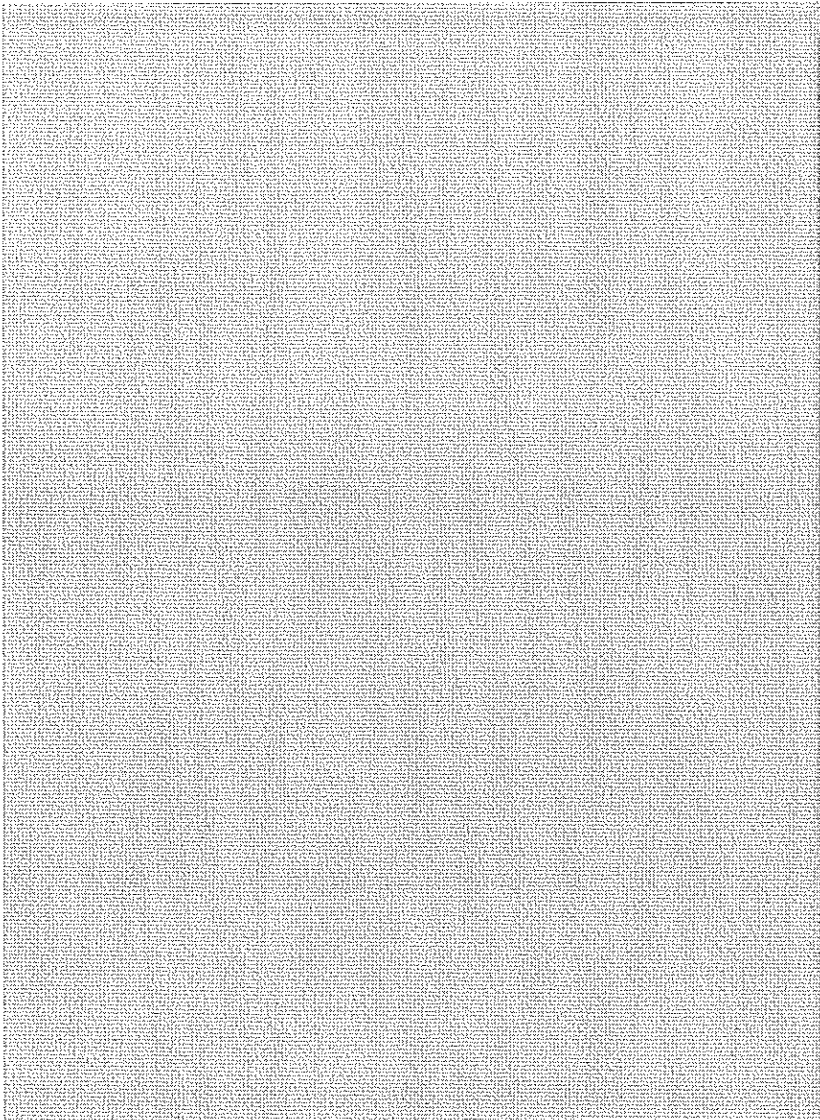
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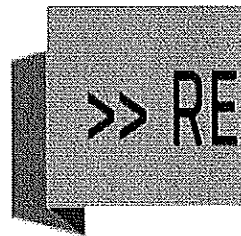


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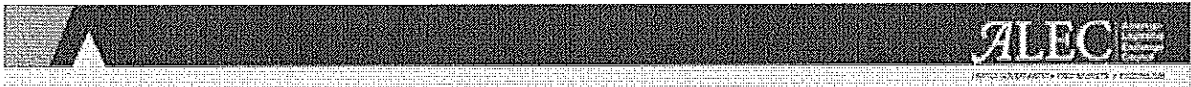
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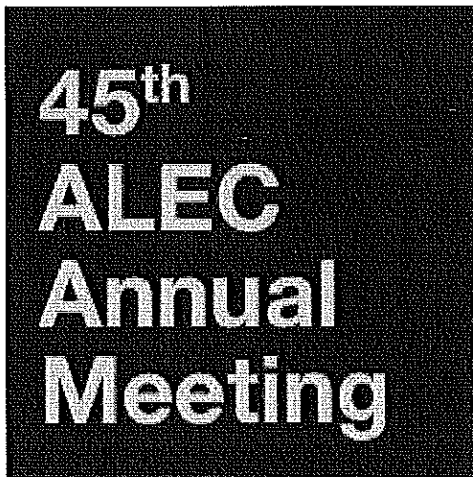
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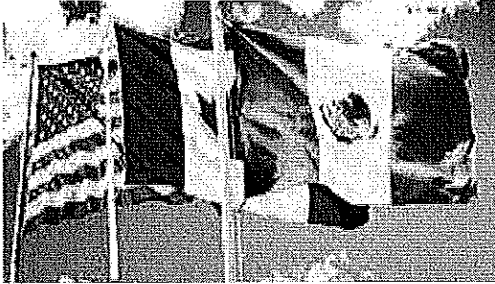
With a successful Spring Task Force Summit in the books, ALEC begins to look ahead to its flagship conference. **The 45th ALEC Annual Meeting will take place in New Orleans, LA from August 8-10. Registration for Annual Meeting is now open with Early Bird Rates in effect. Book now to save. ALEC looks forward to seeing you in Louisiana.**

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International Trade

Modernization of the North America Free Trade Agreement

Karla Jones | Federalism and International Relations



The American Legislative Exchange Council has produced a letter to the Executive Office regarding needed modernization of the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) while preserving the economic and commercial benefits of the agreement.

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Legislator Voices

Dispatch from the States: Judicial Overreach and Rewriting the Rules in the Middle of the Game in Pennsylvania

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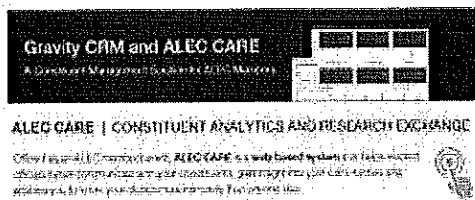


On January 22, 2018, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court decided the role of referee wasn't good enough. The Court announced that it would usurp power lawfully held by the owners of the Constitution (The People) to create its own piece of law by drawing a new Congressional District Map for the Commonwealth. This was a clear violation of its authority in its role as "referee" of the law.

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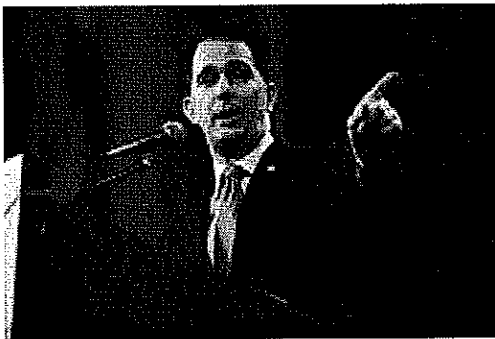


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ALEC-FreedomWorks Legislator of the Week

Driving Economic Growth in Virginia

Delegate Kathy Byron | VA-22



This week, ALEC and FreedomWorks introduce **Virginia Delegate Kathy Byron**. As an owner and operator of a small business for 26 years, Delegate Byron has seen how restrictive overregulation can hamstring an otherwise vibrant economy. To that end, she has helped to create Workforce Opportunity Grants and continues to work to eliminate archaic policies that stifle economic opportunity.

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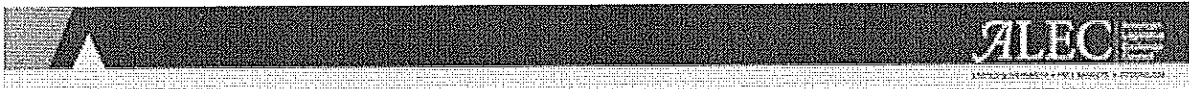
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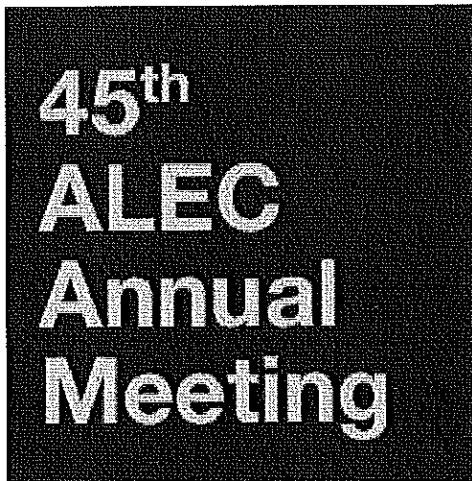


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ALEC In the News

Tax Reform's Second Windfall is Occurring at the State Level

Jonathan Williams | Center for State Fiscal Reform | *The Hill*



The untold story of federal tax reform's success is the opportunity the new law has provided policymakers across America's 50 "laboratories of democracy," where unexpected tax receipts that are directly linked to changes in the federal tax code have been a game changer in many state capitols this year.

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Innovation and Technology

Lessons from GDPR: Regulations Harm Consumers by Reducing Options

Jonathon Hauenschild | Communications and Technology

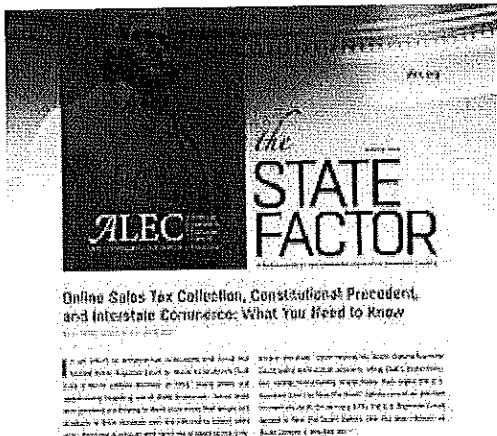


Government attitudes toward technology are changing. A number of legislators, from both the right and left, want to find ways to regulate the sector. This is especially true regarding online platforms. Governments sell most regulatory schemes to the public as "for the benefit of the consumer." But what benefits the consumer most, overbearing government regulatory schemes or increased competition?

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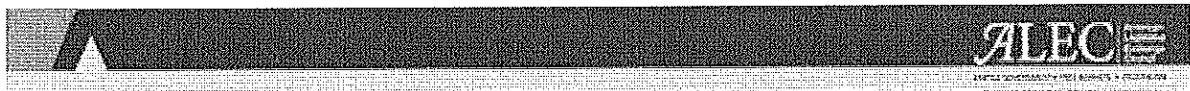


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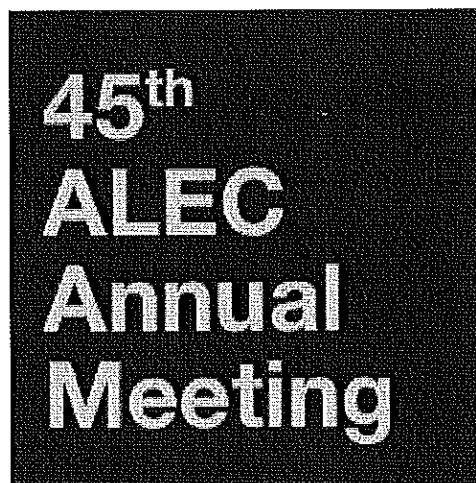


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ALEC In the News

Tax Reform's Second Windfall is Occurring at the State Level

Jonathan Williams | Center for State Fiscal Reform | *The Hill*



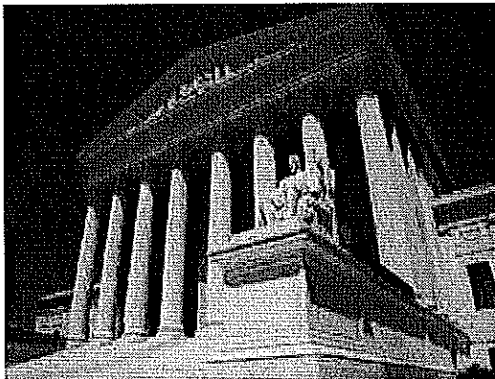
The untold story of federal tax reform's success is the opportunity the new law has provided policymakers across America's 50 "laboratories of democracy," where unexpected tax receipts that are directly linked to changes in the federal tax code have been a game changer in many state capitols this year.

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Expert Insight

Supreme Court Strikes Down Federal Law that Prevented Gambling On Sports

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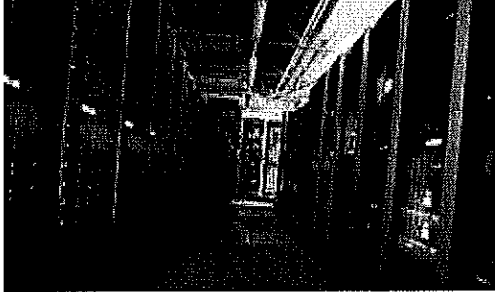
States now have the authority to legalize sports gambling. The United States Supreme Court struck down the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act (PASPA) on 10th Amendment and anti-commandeering grounds. Ultimately, now states and sovereign tribal nations will have the authority to decide whether or not to permit sports betting in their respective territories.

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Innovation and Technology

Lessons from GDPR: Regulations Harm Consumers by Reducing Options

Jonathon Hauenschild | Communications and Technology



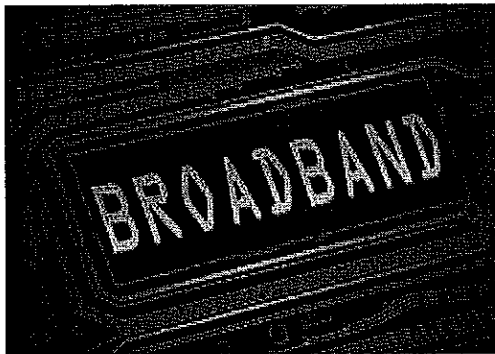
Government attitudes toward technology are changing. A number of legislators, from both the right and left, want to find ways to regulate the sector. This is especially true regarding online platforms. Governments sell most regulatory schemes to the public as “for the benefit of the consumer.” But what benefits the consumer most, overbearing government regulatory schemes or increased competition?

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Regulation in Innovation

Democrats Hope to Restore Heavy-Handed Internet Regulations Through Senate Vote

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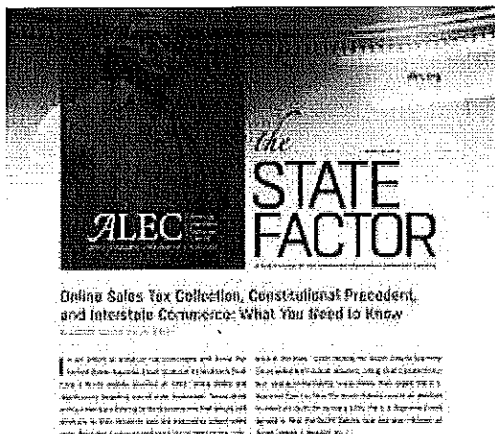


Unless there is a legislative solution, the regulatory back-and-forth is likely to continue. An FCC controlled by a Democratic administration is likely to attempt to reinstate the burdensome Title II rules, while a Republican-controlled FCC is likely to respect Congress's wish to have an internet “unfettered by federal or state regulations.” Legislation will give internet access providers the certainty they need, and it will end the regulatory back-and-forth.

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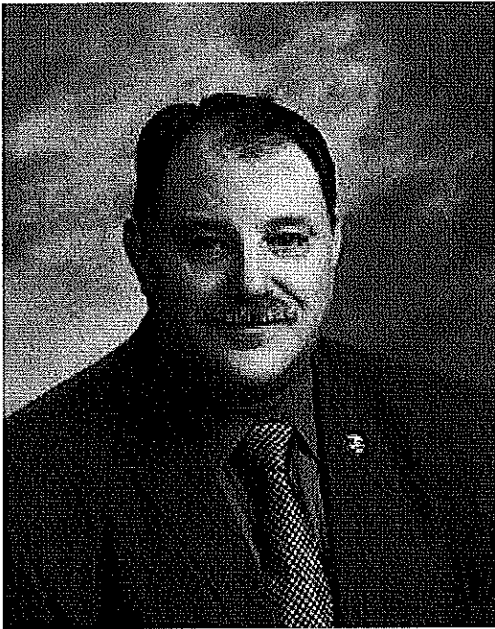


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ALEC-FreedomWorks Legislator of the Week

Driving Opportunity in South Dakota

Representative Michael Clark | SD-9



This week, ALEC and Freedomworks recognize **South Dakota State Representative Michael Clark** as the Legislator of the Week. Representative Clark is a military veteran who decided to get involved in his district when no one else would "pick up the ball." He values the importance of creating a strong foundation for both government and opportunity to thrive in his state.

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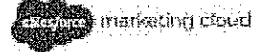


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From: Paul Hogarth, Daily Kos
Subject: Trump called immigrants "animals." What are Republicans doing? (please read)



Munsup, [sign the petition to all Republican politicians: Condemn Trump's comments calling undocumented immigrants "animals."](#)

[Sign the petition](#)

During an immigration roundtable at the White House about California's role as a sanctuary state, Donald Trump said undocumented immigrants are "animals."

His exact words? "We're taking people out of the country, you wouldn't believe how bad these people are. **These aren't people. These are animals.**"

Calling people of color "animals" has a deep, racist history. It's a white supremacist tactic meant to portray marginalized people as subhuman—making it easier for oppressors to inflict violence upon them.

[Click to AUTOMATICALLY sign the petition to all Republicans: Condemn Trump's "animals" comment.](#)

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Donald Trump is irredeemable—we all know that. But Republicans in Congress are the ones who repeatedly enable him, and have given him the immense power he now has.

The "animals" comment is a bridge too far. Either Republicans are with him—and support Trump's campaign to portray immigrants as subhuman—or they make a public rejection.

Click to AUTOMATICALLY tell Republican politicians they must publicly condemn Trump's comments calling undocumented immigrants = 2animals."

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Our Message to Republican politicians: Condemn Trump's comments calling undocumented immigrants "animals." You cannot stay silent while Trump continues this violent crusade.

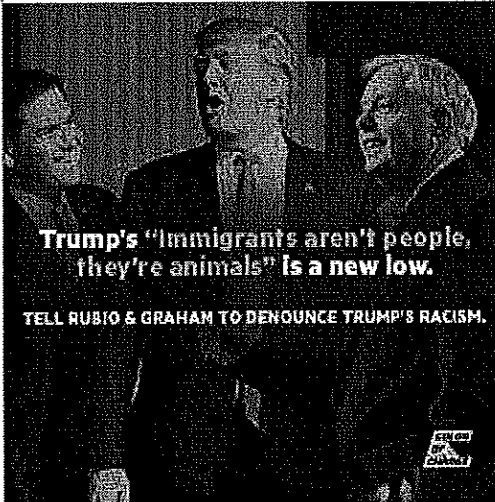
By signing this petition you will receive periodic updates on offers and activism opportunities from Daily Kos. You may unsubscribe at any time. Here's our privacy policy.

From: Jade, Brandi, Rashad, Arisha, Evan, Johnny, Future, Angela, Corina, Chad, Mary, Saréya, Eesha,

and the rest of the Color Of Change team

Subject: "Sh*&hole countries". "Animals". Trump's Xenophobia Cannot Be The New Normal.

Demand Senators Marco Rubio and Lindsey Graham take a public moral stance against Trump's hateful rhetoric. Join us.



TAKE ACTION

Yesterday, at a White House meeting with local California leaders opposed to "sanctuary city" policies, Donald Trump made one of his most offensive comments yet. In front of countless sheriffs, cameras, and members of the press, he said that immigrants "are not people, they're animals."¹ **That's right--the President of the United States referred to millions of human beings as animals.**

This isn't the first time Trump has glibly insulted marginalized communities. From calling Mexican immigrants "rapists" to African nations "sh*tholes", Trump has rarely missed an opportunity to categorize Black and Brown people as less than human.² **To make matters worse, Republican Senators Lindsey Graham and Marco Rubio—who have famously supported DACA and claim to care deeply about immigrants have remained mum on Trump's latest attack.³**

Enough is enough. Tell "pro-immigrant" Republican leaders to denounce Trump's statement now!

Rubio and Graham have had plenty of time to take to Twitter today to insult other world leaders—but have refused to denounce Trump's dehumanizing attack on immigrants. This deafening silence as millions of people are insulted by the Commander-In-Chief is yet another indicator of how Trump's disgusting rhetoric

has become normalized on the public stage. After all, both Lindsey Graham and Marco Rubio were vehement anti-Trumpers; first claiming he was unfit to be President, then falling into line after he was elected—bragging about playing golf with him and proudly endorsing his damaging policies.⁴

If Graham and Rubio remain silent and refuse to reject the characterization of immigrants as "animals", they are complicit in upholding a hostile political climate. Their silence enables violence that we see being enacted now on a policy level. Since Trump's election, the immigration gains activists made in previous administrations have been massively rolled back with several attempts at a Muslim ban, the expansion of ICE agents' abilities to detain and deport any undocumented immigrant, and the appointment white nationalists to ICE.⁵ Just this week, Trump's administration just announced that they're gearing up to tear immigrant children away from their parents and hold them alone on military bases.⁶

Tell Senators Marco Rubio and Lindsey Graham to stop playing the middle and denounce Trump's attack on immigrants now!

We know that Trump's public attacks on marginalized communities have disturbing real-life consequences. **The Southern Poverty Law Center reported the second straight year of hate crime increases—largely due in part to “The Trump Effect: with a tripling of anti-Muslim hate groups since 2016 and surges of hate crimes nationwide.”**⁷

Now more than ever, leaders must take a stand against the status quo and defend the most vulnerable among us.

Tell Marco Rubio and Lindsey Graham to denounce Trump's statements now.

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Color Of Change is building a movement to elevate the voices of Black folks and our allies, and win real social and political change. **Help keep our movement strong.**

From: Ben Betz, Digital Advocacy Director, People For the American Way
Subject: We WON in the Senate! Now tell the House: Keep a free and open Internet

We won in the Senate! Now Tell the House to Restore Net Neutrality!

Trump's FCC voted to let corporate special interests ruin the internet. But last week the Senate PASSED a bipartisan resolution to overturn the FCC and restore net neutrality.

Please take a quick moment now to demand that the House follow suit without delay>>

In December, Trump FCC Chairman Ajit Pai -- a former top lawyer for Verizon -- pushed through a measure to end net neutrality and let big cable companies control which websites and apps you use, where you get your news, how you listen to music and watch videos -- everything you do on the internet.

Unless Congress completes passage of this resolution, net neutrality will die on June 11.

Polls show that 86% of Americans, including an overwhelming majority of Republican voters, oppose the FCC's order.

We were already able to help ratchet up the pressure needed to pass this legislation in the Senate. Now time is running out to pass it in the House.

If we continue to flood Congress with enough petitions and calls, we can save net neutrality!

Add your name to tell the House of Representatives: save a free and open Internet!>>

Without net neutrality, the internet will look more like cable TV, where the content we see is controlled by corporations like Comcast and Verizon. We can't afford to see the open internet fall to the control of corporate gatekeepers.

A black rectangular button with the word "DONATE" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

From: OUTRAGED - Progressive Caucus
Subject: Republicans APPROVE Trump's military parade

We are OUTRAGED:

House Republicans just APPROVED Trump's ridiculous military parade:



Not only is this parade dictatorial, it will cost over **\$30 MILLION**.

We have one last chance to stop it.

The final vote is NEXT week -- so we need to act fast.

So we need to raise \$25,000 to elect Progressives who could STOP Trump's military parade.
Now, thanks to their cowardice, we might actually spend millions of public dollars so Trump
can lead a procession of TANKS through DC.

**This military parade is just a showy monument to Trump's ego, subsidized with the
money of working families.**

We're fighting to kick Trump's cronies out of Congress, and elect Progressives who could
BLOCK this wasteful parade.

Please RUSH \$5 to help us STOP Trump's military parade:

CHIP IN \$5 IMMEDIATELY →

CHIP IN \$35 IMMEDIATELY →

CHIP IN \$50 IMMEDIATELY →

CHIP IN \$100 IMMEDIATELY →

CHIP IN \$250 IMMEDIATELY →

Or donate another amount →

<https://go.weareprogressives.org/Stop-The-Military-Parade>

From: Michael Keegan; President, PFAW

Subject: Last night's results - WOW!

We usually don't endorse in primary contests but this year, with everything that's at stake and the potential for a Democratic wave year, PFAW has jumped into some key races where we've identified strong progressive champions to support for local, state, and federal office.

Last night we ran the table, with endorsements in Idaho and Pennsylvania where all of our candidates won in what were generally considered competitive races. And they won by staggering margins.

The biggest news first: **Paulette Jordan** won the Democratic gubernatorial primary in Idaho -- by a whopping 18 points!

Paulette, a 38-year-old progressive powerhouse, will now be on the November ballot to become the very first Native American governor of any state in US history. Paulette is also the first woman to win a party's gubernatorial nomination in Idaho.

PFAW's Next Up Victory Fund helps strong progressive candidates age 40 and under compete and win in critical local and state races -- and that's what we did in Idaho. We were thrilled to put our resources, connections, and support behind Paulette however we could (and will continue to help through the general election).

But let me be crystal clear: the most important part of our support for Paulette was YOU! So THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS because, in addition to a big win for Paulette and the people of Idaho, this is your victory.

At the time I write this, an amazing 1,560 PFAW members and activists donated

to Paulette's campaign and PFAW supporters in Idaho volunteered to be our boots on the ground and help Paulette Get Out The Vote.

In Pennsylvania, on the federal side, PFAW endorsed **Scott Wallace** -- the best choice for progressives in one of the top congressional districts that Democrats need to flip this November in order to take back the House of Representatives. Wallace beat his next closest challenger, someone who was a Republican until last year, by an impressive 21 points. He will now face incumbent Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick, a right-wing Republican who votes with Trump 85% of the time.

Also in Pennsylvania, PFAW's Next Up Victory Fund backed three diverse, young, energetic, and *very progressive* candidates in their Democratic primaries for state House: **Sara Innamorato**, who won by 28 points; **Summer Lee**, who won by 36 points (!!!); and **Malcolm Kenyatta** who won by 15.

Sara and Summer's victories are being seen as the dawn of a new day for progressives in Pennsylvania state politics, with their victories over "blue dog," establishment Democrats who were part of an entrenched political dynasty in that part of the state. And Malcolm made history as the first openly gay candidate of color ever to win a state House primary in Pennsylvania.

You're helping to make history with unprecedented progressive victories this year -- and, hopefully, it's just the beginning!

We'll continue to keep you informed about amazing progressive candidates in important races and what you can do to help. (The biggest race coming up in the near term is next week's gubernatorial primary in Georgia, in which we're enthusiastically supporting a truly transformational leader, Stacey Abrams.)

**Thank you for everything you do and for your steadfast support for our electoral -- and *all* of our -- programs.
Together, we're making history!**

***Want to keep these transformative progressive victories coming?
Donate to support our work>>***

From: Team National Democratic Redistricting Committee (NDRC)
Subject: The Kochs, Adelson, ALEC...

“Republicans Make Moves To Crush Gerrymandering Reform”

-- Talking Points Memo, 5/7/18

Republicans saw great success rigging the maps in 2011. So it's no surprise that now they want to *keep* those maps rigged and rig them in *even more states*:

- In Michigan, the GOP is fighting a ballot measure designed to make redistricting more fair.
- In Pennsylvania, they just gutted two fair maps bills.
- In Arizona, they attacked the Independent Redistricting Commission (*and NDRC helped fight them off!*).

But even more alarming? **Some of the right's shadiest operatives are gearing up to oppose NDRC's push for fair elections**, including the Koch brothers, Sheldon Adelson, the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), and the Republican State Leadership Committee (RSLC).

If we're going to beat back these groups and win this fight, it's going to take all of us working together, Munsup.

Will you help us execute our plans in each one of our target states and ensure fair elections for every American?

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We'll be honest -- going up against the big money of these right-wing groups is going to be a challenge. The RSLC alone is raising *\$125 million* “to defend the legislative majorities that shaped the current congressional districts,” according to *Roll Call*.

But this community has shown what we can do together. In 2017, we helped elect a Democratic governor and flipped 15 Republican-held House of Delegates seats in Virginia. In 2018, we've already scored electoral, court, and ballot wins in states

from Wisconsin to Nevada. **But our road is about to get much steeper -- so we need you with us, Munsup.**

Will you pitch in to stand against GOP attempts to keep the maps rigged for another decade?
DONATE

Republicans saw great success rigging the maps in 2011. So it's no surprise that now they want to keep those maps rigged and rig them in even more states

Paid for by the National Democratic Redistricting Committee

From: Eric Kramer

Subject: Cohn - The Original Trump; How delightfully descriptive!

This is a long read, but an interesting one. Having lived in NYC throughout the 1980s, I had a front row seat to both Trump's rise, and Cohn's fall. Considering just how tawdry it all was, it simply boggles the mind that Trump now holds the highest office in the land....

<http://nymag.com/daily/intelligencer/2018/04/frank-rich-roy-cohn-the-original-donald-trump.html>

Describing Michael Cohen: "This sort of mobster multi-tasker... one of these slime-coated barnacles stuck to the bottom of this Teflon Titanic we call the Trump Administration."

- Sarah Kendzior on MSNBC today
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From: TRUMP SUED [via FightforReform.org]

Subject: this lawsuit could EXPOSE Trump's Judges [sign on now!!!!]

We are BEAMING:

Because Gabby Giffords is SUING Trump for his AWFUL judges.



*And we are **TOTALLY** on board!!!*

Trump may have worked with the NRA to FILL courts with unqualified, pro-gun, conservative Judges! CORRUPT!

But now we're scrambling to collect 5,000 signatures to Stand with the Lawsuit against him!

Can you sign before we print our petition tomorrow?

Sign to Sue Trump >>

The Trump Administration may be colluding with the NRA to pack the courts with extremist pro-gun judges.

And they REFUSE to reveal the extent of their connections with the NRA.

So Gabby Giffords' gun reform group is SUING them!!

We deserve to know whether the largest, most corrupt Special Interest group in the country is hand-selecting Trump's judges.

So we're rushing 5,000 signatures to support the lawsuit. If you care about taking down Trump's judges, add your name now:

Sign to Sue Trump >>

The NRA spends hundreds of MILLIONS of dollars to buy Republican politicians who refuse to pass gun reform.

And now, they're filling judicial seats with judges who will push their pro-gun agenda!

So really Munsup, if you want to stand up to the NRA and protect our judiciary, we need you to sign now and stand with the lawsuit.

<https://go.fightforreform.org/Stand-With-Lawsuit>

From: Thomas Scott

Subject: Why Some Teachers can't Use Social Security; Health Care; #45 vs #43 - Which Was Worse?

- Why More Than A Million Teachers Can't Use Social Security
- This 'Will Kill People': 40K People Are About to Lose Their Medicaid Coverage in Louisiana
- **A NOTE TO WOKE WASHINGTON: THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION WAS SO MUCH WORSE** *BY T.A. FRANK*
<https://www.vanityfair.com/news/2018/05/dear-washington-bush-administration-was-so-much-worse>
 Fifteen years ago, Washington was cheerleading illegal surveillance, torture, and war. Today, we just have a clown show. The inflation of Trump into Satan and the rehabilitation of Dubya suggest that manners are more important than actions, and that even the darkest deeds get a pass if they're packaged well.

From: Matt Blizek, MoveOn Political Action
Subject: Grim poll numbers

We need to talk about the 2018 midterm elections.

Donald Trump has his highest approval rating in a year, and the Democrats' lead in the race for Congress is collapsing.^{1,2} Election experts are no longer projecting a "blue wave" and instead say the chance of ending Republican control of the House is now "50-50."³

And Republican mega-donors have learned from our past success and just announced plans to spend tens of millions on a MoveOn-style field operation to get out their vote.⁴

I can't stress this strongly enough: We do NOT have this election in the bag.

If we don't do everything in our power, Trump and the Republicans *will* keep control of Congress, and they'll be emboldened to go even further to repeal the Affordable Care Act, cut taxes for the superrich, stack the Supreme Court with far-right conservatives, and march America on a path to war.

And while Republicans have been gaining momentum, MoveOn has fallen \$400,000 behind what we need to raise this month for our \$15 million Resist & Win elections program. We urgently need to close that gap to keep rolling out our program on schedule. **Will you rush an urgent donation to help stop Trump's momentum**

and end Republican control of Congress? [Donate](#)

MoveOn's elections program is laser-focused on the most effective strategies that can turn a 50-50 toss-up election into a Democratic win. Here's what we have planned:

- **Endorsements in more House races than ever before.** All told, we'll endorse 100 bold, progressive candidates in competitive districts across the country. If we can win just 24 seats, we can end GOP control of Congress. If we can win more, it'll be a blue wave that swamps the GOP.
- **A secret new program that could change the course of the election.** We have to keep the details confidential right now, but MoveOn's analysts are currently developing new methods of voter persuasion that are an order of magnitude less expensive than any comparable program. The early results from the recent game-changing elections in Virginia and Alabama are extremely promising; the program has already made a huge difference in special elections. Now, MoveOn's gearing up to hire a dozen more analysts and other staff for this project, running more tests, and refining this program so that it's ready to go during election season.
- **A community organizing training program for hundreds of grassroots leaders.** We will be training grassroots leaders in and around key districts on how to organize their communities to win back the House in 2018, hold their elected officials accountable after Election Day, and build a power base for the Resistance and elections in 2019, 2020, and beyond.

But the truth is that the only way all this can happen is if we first meet our grassroots fundraising goals.

The media has been saying for months that Democrats have this election in the bag—just like they said in 2016. Polls say most people assume Trump won't get reelected.⁵ And with the growing sense of complacency, grassroots donations are slowing down.

With Democrats falling behind and a \$400,000 budget gap at MoveOn, there isn't a moment to lose.

Will you rush a contribution to help stop Trump's momentum and end Republican control of Congress in November?

[Donate](#)

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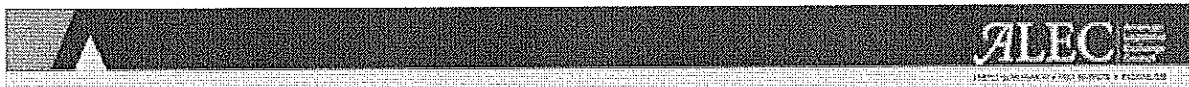
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Tax Reform's Second Windfall is Occurring at the State Level

Jonathan Williams | Center for State Fiscal Reform | *The Hill*



The untold story of federal tax reform's success is the opportunity the new law has provided policymakers across America's 50 "laboratories of democracy," where unexpected tax receipts that are directly linked to changes in the federal tax code have been a game changer in many state capitols this year. Read the op-ed that has everyone from Ways and Means to the West Wing talking about Tax Reform.

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Tax Cuts Work For Manufacturing

Survey: Tax Reform Has Been "Rocket Fuel" For Manufacturers

National Association of Manufacturers

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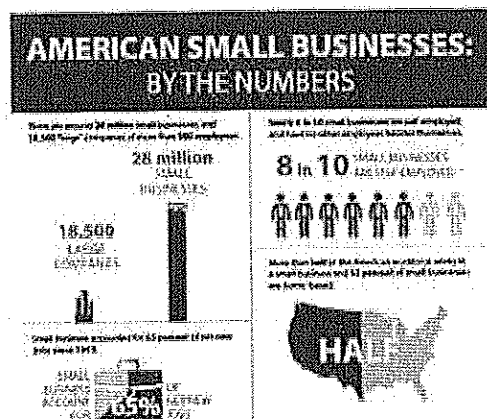
As part of the National Association of Manufacturers' new "Keeping Our Promise" Campaign, a survey was released that illustrated the economic growth in the manufacturing sector driven by federal tax reform. 72 percent of manufacturers are increasing employee wages or benefits, 77 percent are hiring more workers and 86 percent are investing in new equipment and facilities. Tax Cuts are truly working for these millions of Americans.

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Tax Cuts Work for Small Businesses

Tax Reform Contributes to Lowest Unemployment Since 2000, Highest Optimism for Small Businesses

Job Creators Network

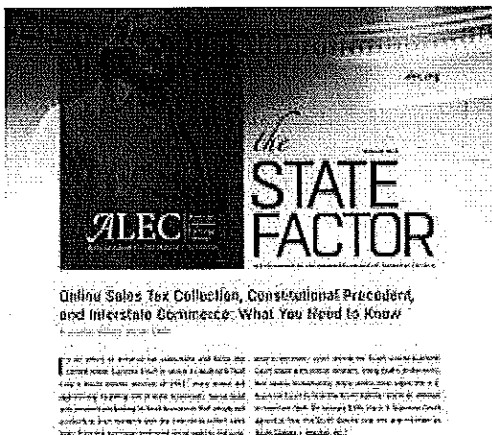


According to a new report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate dropped to 3.9 percent in April—the lowest level since the year 2000. Additionally, the unemployment rate among African Americans and Latinos fell to their lowest levels in recorded history. The positive economic climate has also coincided with the highest small business owner optimism level since 2015. More specifically, according to the recent poll from Bank of America, 60 percent of small businesses expect revenues to increase, 22 percent plan to hire more people, 69 percent plan to expand, and 60 percent plan to grow over the course of the next year.

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Online Sales Tax

What You Need To Know About *South Dakota v. Wayfair* and Online Sales Tax



A Supreme Court decision is expected soon for the case of *South Dakota v. Wayfair*, which concerns the collection of online sales tax. ALEC has followed the issue closely and has produced helpful materials for anyone trying to further understand the topic and the potential effects of the court's decision. ALEC has produced both a **State Factor Report** and an **Amicus Brief** dealing with Online Sales Tax and the *Wayfair* case.

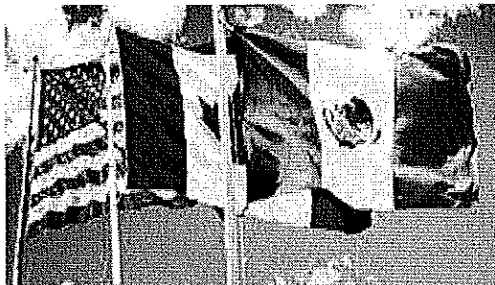
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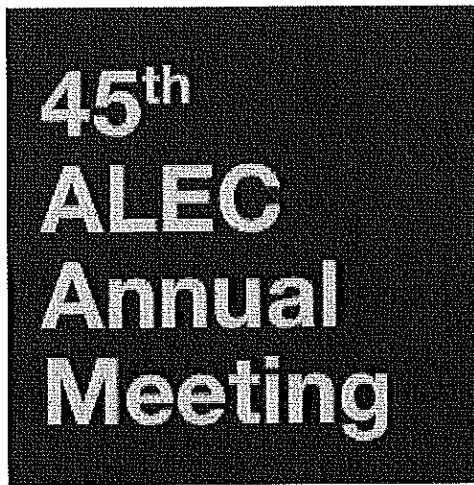
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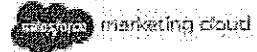


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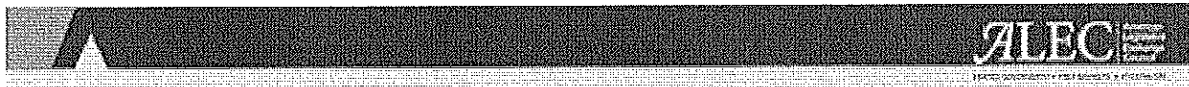


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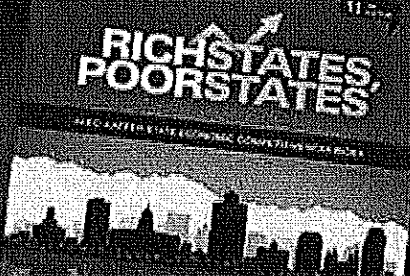
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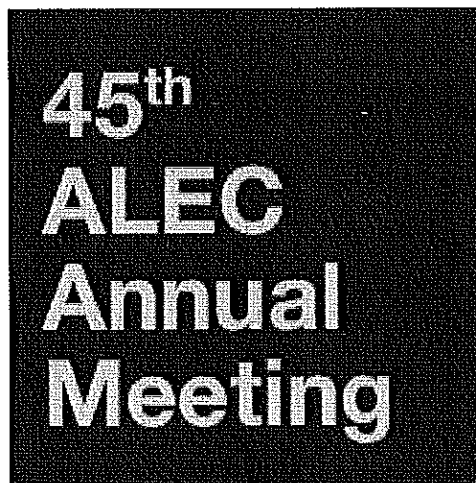


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Legislator Voices

Addressing Important Issues in the States

Representative Jason Saine (NC) and Representative Justin Hill (MO)



ALEC legislators are speaking out on issues important to their states. Of particular note are articles written by ALEC National Chairman and North Carolina Representative Jason Saine: "[Tax Cuts Make North Carolina Special](#)" and Missouri Representative Justin Hill: "[Don't Be Fooled: Online Sales Taxes are a Money Grab](#)"

ALEC On The Air

Jonathan Williams Joins Lars Larson in Studio

The Lars Larson Show



ALEC Chief Economist and VP of the Center for State Fiscal Reform joined the *Lars Larson Show* in studio in Oregon to talk taxes. Check out the video linked below.

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Tax Cuts Work

Hard Working Americans are Benefitting from Federal Tax Reform



See how federal tax reform is making life better for millions of Americans across the country. Lower unemployment, higher wages, and a positive economic outlook point to the effectiveness of these tax cuts.

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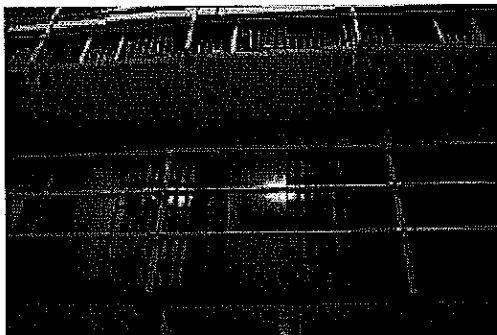
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Criminal Justice

White House Hosts Summit on Prison Reform

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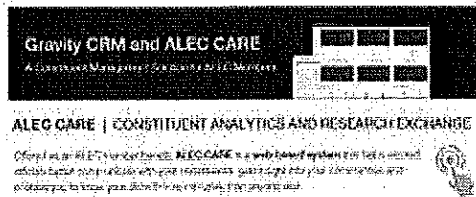
On May 18th, the White House hosted a Prison Reform Summit. During the summit, both President Donald Trump and Vice-President Mike Pence spoke about the importance of prisoner reentry. The President noted the importance of individuals who have committed crimes to take responsibility for their actions, but also spoke of the importance of more prisoners taking charge of their own

lives by giving "them the tools to stand on their own two feet."

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ALEC-FreedomWorks Legislator of the Week

Standing Up For Education in Tennessee

Senator Brian Kelsey | TN-31



This week, ALEC and FreedomWorks recognize **TN Senator Brian Kelsey** as the Legislator of the Week. Senator Kelsey credits his education and upbringing as reasons for his decision to run for office, and seeks to bring this experience to his fellow Tennesseans. His work is bearing fruit as he is "proud that during the last five years, Tennessee students have been the fastest improving in the nation in math, reading, and science scores."

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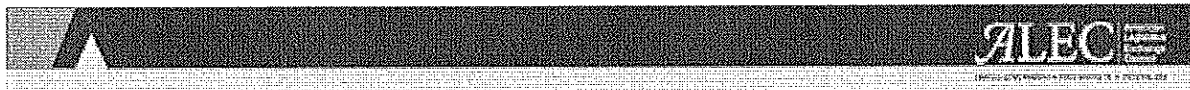
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Center for Innovation and Technology - May 29, 2018

Are You Secure? Really? How Do You Know?

From Center For Innovation and Technology VP Bartlett Cleland



Homeland security has been top of mind for state legislators for the last several years. Whether discussing and sharing best practices or understanding how to best protect the nation's students in school or how to handle cybersecurity threats legislators continue to search for better answers. A large challenge has been how to know that a state is on the right track, that what the legislators are doing is making a difference. In the world of cybersecurity that can be a real challenge.

One cyberecurity solution that is particularly user friendly for a non-tech CEO to understand is CyGov's approach. CyGov is a firm founded in Israel but providing global services. Israel necessarily has an intense focus on the security of those who live there given the global neighborhood in which they live. And like any place of intensity and laser like focus on one area of expertise, advancement in innovation in that area tends to follow. Members of Cygov's leadership have visited ALEC previously as part of the innovation outreach work conducted by the ALEC Center for Innovation and Technology. As the company describes itself "CyGov is a cyber security firm focused on developing a cyber assessment platform to enable organizations to manage their cyber risk and readiness much

more effectively.”

Cyberthreats against the private sector have been well covered in the press over the last few years. Broadly, there is a \$600 billion annual cost because of cybercrime, with an average cost to an attacked company of \$3.6 million. In 2017 alone ransomware, a type of software that blocks access to a computer system until a demanded sum of money is paid, attacks increased 36 percent. Attacks now come at more than 4000 a day. Companies are left with trying to quantify and manage this risk, but generally the current state of assessments leaves much to be desired.

Corporate leaders often find that risk assessments do not provide them an effective means to confront the challenges. Assessments are often lacking clear actionable steps or fail to help interpret the risk in an understandable way. And if they do, tracking progress towards a goal is nearly impossible, often because the assessments are manual and generic, not deploying tools that fit the industry. The assessments also tend to be too narrowly focused, measuring risk from the standpoint of technology while ignoring strategy, intelligence and physical security.

But in addition to industry, people, and politics, government operations are at risk as well, attacked daily thousands of times over internationally, across the country and even locally. For example, the United Kingdom has recently invested more than \$2.5 billion in cybersecurity to fight against an estimated 4.5 million malicious emails a month. In the U.S. federal government IT professionals report, “...the security threats at federal agencies are coming from careless insiders, foreign governments, the general hacking community, ‘hacktivists,’ malicious insiders, terrorists, for-profit criminals and industrial spies.

Half of the respondents—from civilian agencies in particular—indicated an increase in spam and malware attacks, while more than a third saw a rise in ransomware and social engineering-related breaches.” Locally, the problem is just as bad. Very publicly in Atlanta this year, but across the country from New Mexico to Colorado to Dallas to Birmingham, local governments are being attacked and often their computer systems held ransom. Government at all levels must be prepared and stay vigilant.

The easiest means to understand it all might just be a dashboard, providing a score and a readiness level benchmark. Combined with better data collection, extensive analysis, such visual and quantifiable analysis provides to management an understandable approach to what is going on within their organizations. As CyGov states, “In today’s world of emerging cyber threats, it’s not enough to stay

up to date; you need to stay ahead of the rapidly evolving cyber landscape." This is particularly true of state and local governments lest they become easy targets for mischief, meddling, or malice.



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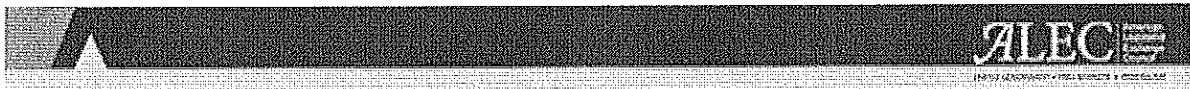
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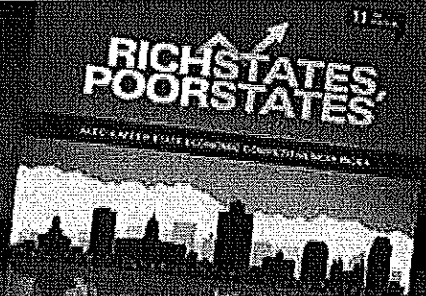
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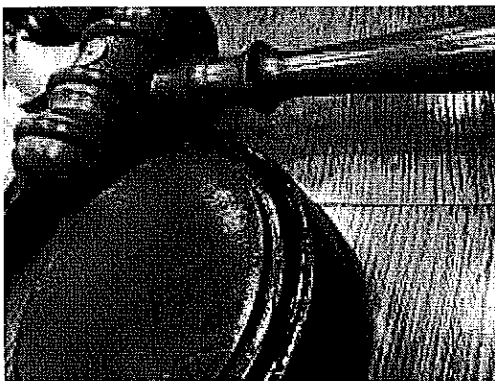


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STFS Model Policy Update

Model Policy From 2018 Spring Task Force Summit Finalized and Online

American Legislative Exchange Council



All model policies voted on and passed at the 2018 Spring Task Force Summit in Grand Rapids, MI have been finalized and approved by the ALEC Board of Directors. They have also been posted on the site in their final iterations. You can view all policies passed and approved from STFS by following the link below.

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New ALEC Publication

State of the States: An Analysis of the 2018 Governors' Addresses

Center for State Fiscal Reform



This week, the ALEC Center for State Fiscal Reform released its annual **State of the States Report**, which analyzes gubernatorial addresses and the policy prescriptions outlined in each, as well as how they will affect their respective states. Learn more about how governors are driving fiscal policy, both for better or for worse. Also don't miss the profile of the new report from the **Washington Examiner: "Trump Tax Cuts Spark More Reductions in 13 States."**

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Legislator Voices

Occupational Licensing Bill a Winner for Oklahoma

Representative Mark Lepak | OK-9 | [NewsOK.com](#)



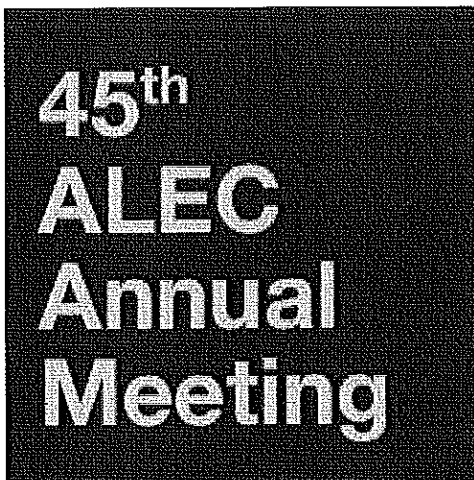
"We need to do all we can to make sure these Oklahomans are able to have the opportunity to become contributing members of society in a positive way, instead of becoming dependent on the state, or worse, falling back into the criminal justice system when lack of hope and opportunity suggests a return to crime is an option that should be considered."

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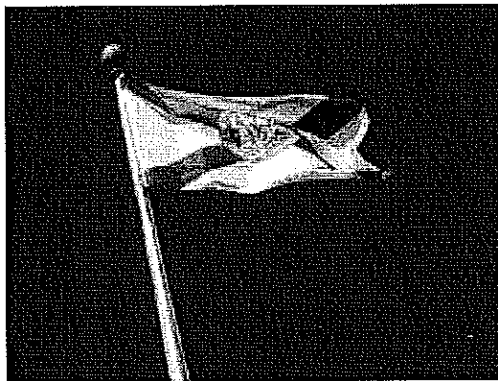
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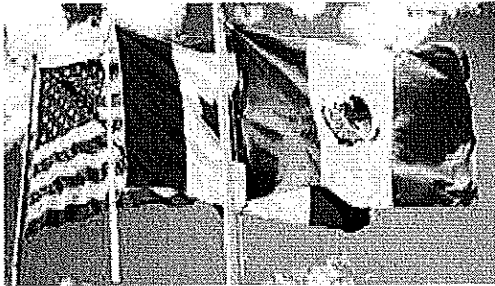
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NAFTA Is a Good Deal for the States

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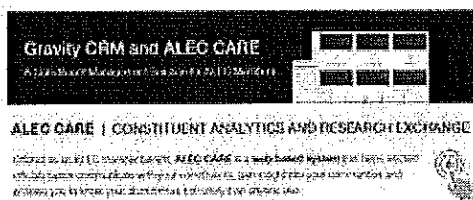


While in need of updates, NAFTA is a good deal for the states and a good deal for America. Negotiations require discipline and hard work, however, NAFTA modernization is well worth the effort. The nation is counting on a successful negotiation of this vital trade framework..

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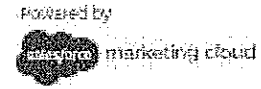
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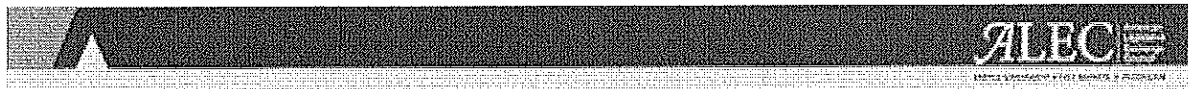


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2018 State of The States Report

State of the States: An Analysis of of the 2018 Governors' Addresses

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The latest publication, *State of the States*, breaks down each governor's "state of the state" address and identifies strong and weak policy prescriptions. The publication also explores each states' economic outlook and how certain policies outlined in these addresses could have either beneficial or detrimental effects on future outlooks.

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Facebook Live Discussion

2018 *State of the States* Roundtable Discussion

Jonathan Williams, Joel Griffith and Thurston Powers | Center for State Fiscal Reform



ALEC Chief Economist and VP of the Center for State Fiscal Reform Jonathan Williams sits down with Tax and Fiscal Policy Director Joel Griffith and Analyst Thurston Powers to discuss the ins and outs of the new 2018 State of the States Report.

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State of the States Report Spurs Discussion, Recognition in the States

Center for State Fiscal Reform



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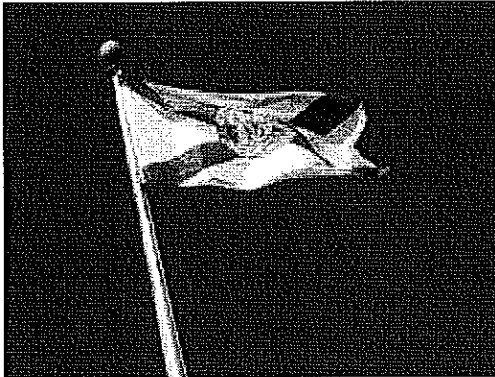
The newly released *2018 State of the States Report* has people talking, from media and statehouse politicos to leaders like South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster. Articles on the report have appeared in Washington Examiner and One News Now. Check out these articles and see what people are saying about this report.

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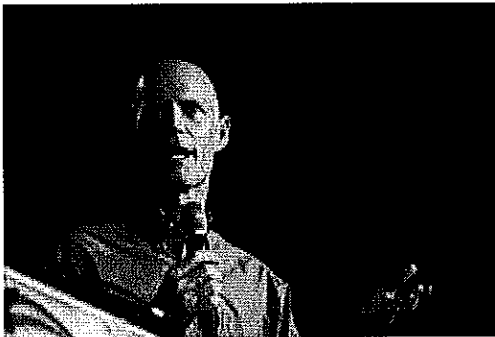
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Best of the Best

Center For State Fiscal Reform Identifies its "Best of the Best" Governors' Addresses

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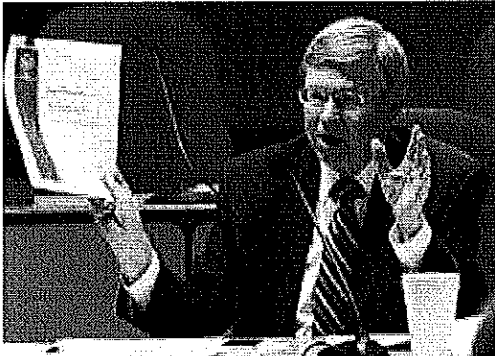


The Center For State Fiscal Reform identified 5 governors' addresses in its 2018 *State of the States* Report that it considered to be 'best of the best.' Articles on **Florida's Rick Scott** and **South Carolina's Henry McMaster** dig deeper into these speeches and why they rise above the rest.

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"Americans are beginning to enjoy the benefits from the first federal tax reform since Ronald Reagan, more than 31 long years ago. The American economy is responding in an overwhelmingly positive way." @Taxeconomist.
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The untold story of federal tax reform's success is the opportunity the new law has provided policymakers across America's 50 "laboratories of democracy," where unexpected tax receipts that are directly linked to changes in the federal tax code have been a game changer in many state capitols this year.

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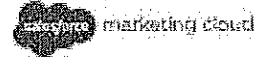


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Communications and Technology Task Force 65-Day Notice

Thank you for being a member of the Task Force on Communications & Technology. I am writing to inform you of some upcoming deadlines for the ALEC Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA on August 8-10.

I am expecting an exciting and robust meeting. We are still penciling in topics and speakers, but you can expect that the conversation will include state efforts to close the digital divide, an update from the FCC on its priorities, and many other topics.

See below for some important dates related to our meeting:

- **June 25, 2018** – 45-Day Policy Submission Deadline. If you would like to introduce new model policy please send me the draft language by that deadline.
- **July 10, 2018** – 30-Day Notice Published. This will contain a draft of the Task Force Meeting Agendas and model policies scheduled for consideration and review at the Task Force Meeting.
- **June 27, 2018** – Early Bird Registration Ends
- **July 11, 2018** – Standard Registration and Housing Deadline
- **August 10, 2018** – Task Force Meeting

To vote on these model policies and engage in the important policy discussions, [register for the ALEC Annual Meeting here!](#)

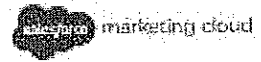
Feel free to reach out to me for any questions, and I look forward to seeing you in New Orleans!

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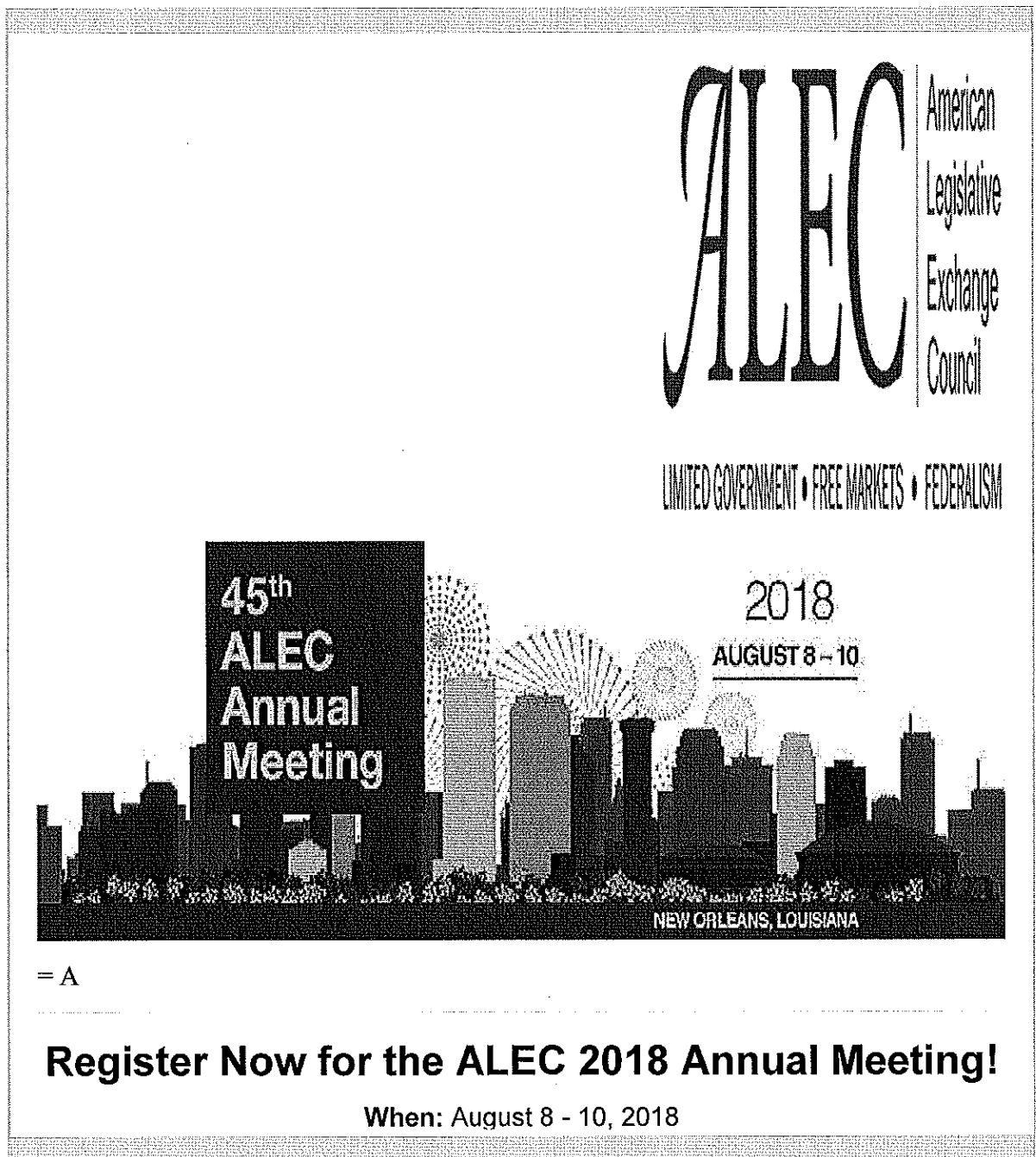
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New Orleans, LA

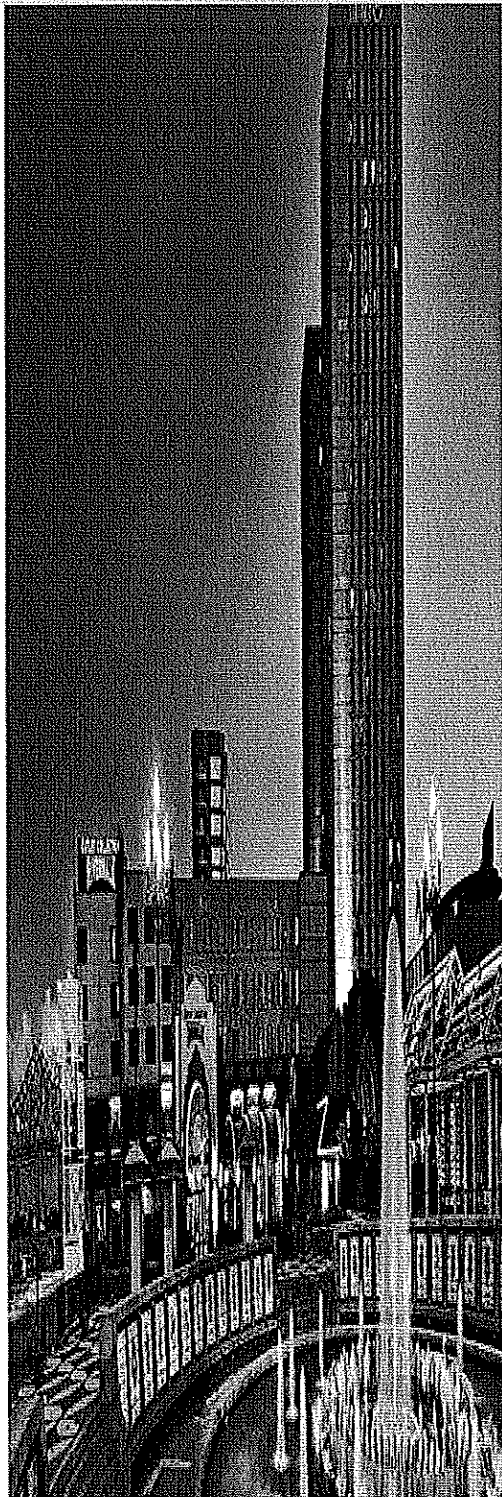


Policy Spotlight: Homeland & School Security

While others retread old debates, ALEC members are forging ahead with solutions that make our schools, students and educators safer. The safety of America's public schools is at the forefront of the minds of policymakers. Many states have recently approved spending bills to combat school violence, yet fewer than one-third of states have established policies or standards, based on best practices, regarding the use of those new funds. This amounts to government throwing money at a problem that may not be fully understood.

Come hear from experts from the **Secure Schools Alliance**, the **Police Foundation**, the **National Fire Prevention Association** and the **Partner Alliance for Safer Schools** as they share new research on which states have set standards for school security; what states require or recommend schools do and don't do to improve their safety and security; what no cost protocols like safety code officials, first responders, and security experts recommend schools follow in the event of school shootings, and what low cost ways that schools can go about assessing their facilities and planning tools for making improvements.

Q and A to follow in Homeland Security Task Force meeting.



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Dear Members,

As 2018 legislative sessions come to a close and you look toward November and your 2019 policy agendas, the American Legislative Exchange Council is best suited to provide you with research, state comparative analysis and training to ensure you have all the tools and information necessary to be a more effective legislator or advocate regardless of your geographic location or political affiliation.

The ALEC team is always looking for new programs and approaches to bring more value to members, and often, those ideas come directly from you. Today, I want to introduce you to a legislator-led initiative around rural issues. Last year, Arizona Representative Becky Nutt and Texas Representative Doc Anderson approached me about increased programming and discussion around rural issues—what a great idea. We held an organizing meeting at the States and Nation Policy Summit in Nashville where a group of rural legislators had a discussion about rural issues in their states, and we had the opportunity to hear a presentation on rural economic development from the Tennessee Rural Task Force.

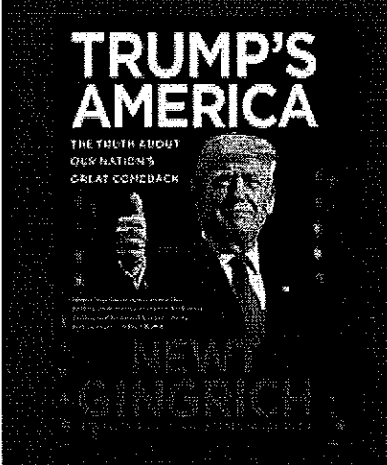
Today, I'm proud to announce the formal launch of the ALEC Rural Caucus. The brain child of Representatives Nutt and Anderson is an opportunity for all ALEC members to develop a more inclusive and thoughtful approach to policy formulation. The Caucus is not a task force. It is an affinity group of legislators and other stakeholders that will discuss rural trends and determine plans of

action—both internal and external to ALEC—to raise awareness and develop real solutions to rural issues—to American issues.

The fact is, most ALEC members come from rural or exurban areas in their states. Most rural-focused federal policy is about subsidy and government funding. And, few discuss existing, state-based, free market solutions to economic and workforce development; education, industry and agricultural investment. If ALEC rural members band together and work across their respective taskforces, ALEC can create a rural-focused public policy platform that helps grow and sustain the economic engine of America—our rural communities.

For every urban issue, there is a corollary urban issue. We do ourselves a disservice when we think of them as separate issues or groups to be addressed differently or with different programs. We are all American and together we can help bridge the divide between urban and rural to create opportunity for a better life for all. Did you know both rural and urban communities feel misunderstood; both feel they need more government aid; and few people (only one in seven) feel they have a strong tie to home. What we know at ALEC is one's tie to home—to a geography, an industry or group—is often linked to economic drivers. One's personal and family success offers a sense of pride, purpose and place. And, proven ALEC free-market policies can ring new opportunities and renewed focus to rural America.

Together, we have a big opportunity to set a free-market rural agenda for the states. And, I'm looking to you to join in this challenge. In the coming weeks, ALEC will host an organizing call to set the agenda for a formal meeting at the New Orleans Annual Meeting (Registration is already moving at a record-setting pace. You don't want to miss this meeting) Following



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recession and tepid
job creation, our economy
is booming.
”

Speaker Newt Gingrich
Author of *Breakout:
Pioneers of the Future,
Prison Guards of the Past*

Annual Meeting, we will continue regular, agenda-setting calls and continue to develop messaging and programing that engages the existing ALEC infrastructure to include rural perspective and policy.

The opportunity is ours for the taking, and it's up to us to put in place real plans of action that respect and protect all taxpayers.

If you are interested in rural issues and want to be part of the upcoming call, please fill out the interest form at www.alec.org/iamrural.

Sincerely,

Lisa B. Nelson
Chief Executive Officer
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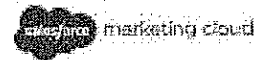


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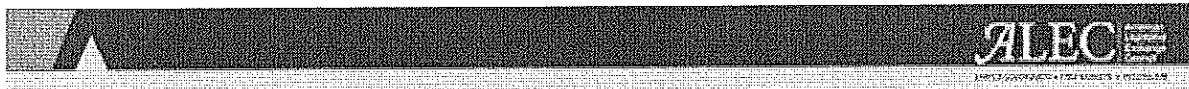



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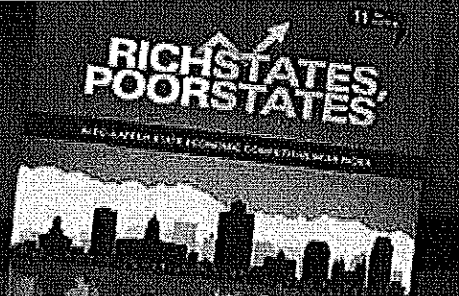
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The book cover for "Rich States, Poor States" by ALEC features a silhouette of a city skyline against a light background. The title "RICH STATES, POOR STATES" is prominently displayed at the top, with the subtitle "ALEC SAVES STATE ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS WITH POLICY" below it.

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New ALEC Publication

State of the States: An Analysis of the 2018 Governors' Addresses

Center for State Fiscal Reform



The latest publication, *State of the States*, breaks down each governor's "state of the state" address and identifies strong and weak policy prescriptions. Also don't miss the profile of the new report from the **Washington Examiner**: "[Trump Tax Cuts Spark More Reductions in 13 States](#)", as well as the **Facebook Live Discussion** of the report.

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Legislator Voices

Minimum Wage Levels — Let the States and Free Markets Decide

Speaker Linda Upmeyer | IA-54



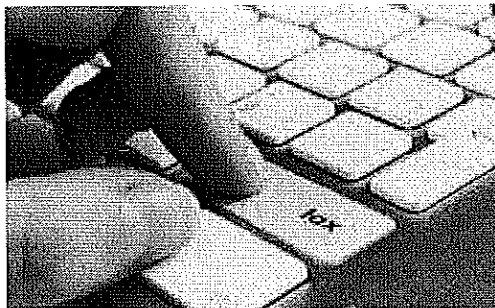
There is a wide variation in opinions on the minimum wage at both the national and state levels. Some would prefer minimum wages ranging from \$15 to more than \$20 per hour, while others would prefer no wage floor at all. Does it make sense to have leaders in Washington D.C. arbitrarily picking a wage rate that all states are required to follow?

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Expert Opinion

Internet Sales Tax: They Said It Best When They Said Nothing at All

Bartlett Cleland | Center for Innovation and Technology | SCOTUSInternetTax.com



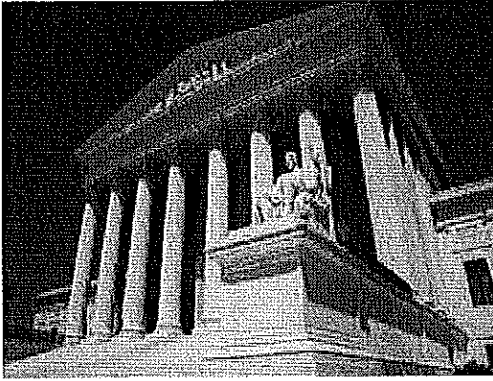
The states that support a pro higher tax, bigger government plan do not speak for the country. In fact, they speak for a small minority of the people. When constituents understand the legal scheme that has been underway, the politicians and tax agencies who crafted and pushed the cynical plan will have wished that they, like Congress, had intentionally said nothing at all.

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4th Amendment Update

Supreme Court Rules to Protect Curtilage of House from Warrantless Searches

Jonathon Hauenschild | Communications and Technology



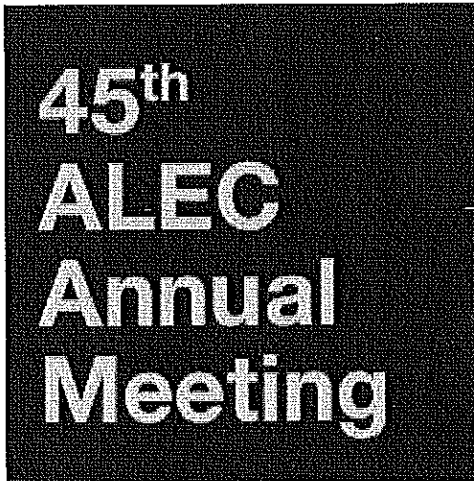
The Supreme Court recently ruled that law enforcement may not search a vehicle parked within the curtilage of a house. Courts, generally speaking, have long recognized that the curtilage of a home falls within Fourth Amendment protections. The automobile exception to the Fourth Amendment will not protect against suppression of evidence by a trial or appellate court if officials obtained the evidence by invading a home or home's curtilage.

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Occupational Licensing Update

Nebraska Passes Occupational Licensing Reform

Ariel Friedman | American Legislative Exchange Council

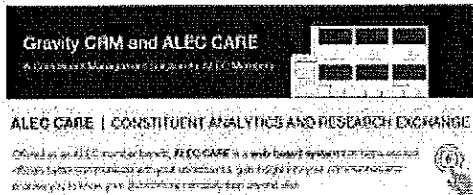


In a refreshing spirit of bipartisanship, Democrats and Republicans have come together in support of occupational licensing reform. Occupational licensing requirements often discourage prospective workers from entering a licensed profession, which can contribute to the inability of low-income workers to improve their economic prospects.

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ALEC-FreedomWorks Legislator of the Week

Fighting for Tort Reform in Missouri

Representative Bruce DeGroot | MO-101



This week, ALEC and FreedomWorks recognize **MO Representative Bruce Degroot** as the Legislator of the Week. Representative DeGroot is a proud husband and father of three who cares deeply about the state of lawsuit reform in his state. Degroot is especially concerned about Missouri's trial venue laws, noting, "Trial attorneys across the nation have manipulated our lax venue statute to make Missouri home to virtually any lawsuit they file."

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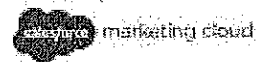


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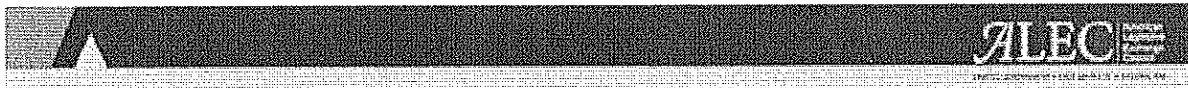


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Chairman's Corner

Minimum Wage Levels – Let the States and Free Markets Decide

Speaker Linda Upmeyer | Iowa House of Representatives | Chair, Center to Restore the Balance of Government



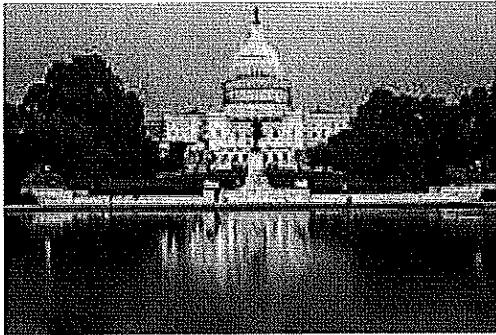
There is a wide variation in opinions on the minimum wage at both the national and state levels. Some would prefer minimum wages ranging from \$15 to more than \$20 per hour, while others would prefer no wage floor at all. What I am more concerned about is allowing the federal government in Washington D.C. to impose an arbitrary, one-size-fits-all mandate that doesn't consider the significant differences between our 50 unique states.

[Read more here.](#)

Task Force Announcement

Federalism Virtual Task Force Meeting - June 13 at 4pm ET

Karla Jones | Center to Restore the Balance of Government



This is a reminder that the ALEC Task Force on Federalism and International Relations will hold a Virtual/Conference Call Task Force meeting to consider proposed draft model policy "***Draft Maximizing Opportunity and Minimizing Risk through Grant Process Reform***", which can be accessed [here](#).

The Virtual Meeting will take place at 4:00pm Eastern Time on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 via conference call. All members of the ALEC Task Force on Federalism and International Relations are strongly encouraged to participate on the call. RSVP to kjones@alec.org or 571-482-5017, if you have not already. An article that appeared on the ALEC Blog which provides an overview explaining the challenge the draft model policy is designed to address can be accessed [here](#). If adopted, the draft will be referred to additional Task Forces for their consideration.

Supreme Court Decision

Supreme Court Strikes Down Federal Law that Prevented Gambling on Sports

Ronald J. Lampard | American Legislative Exchange Council

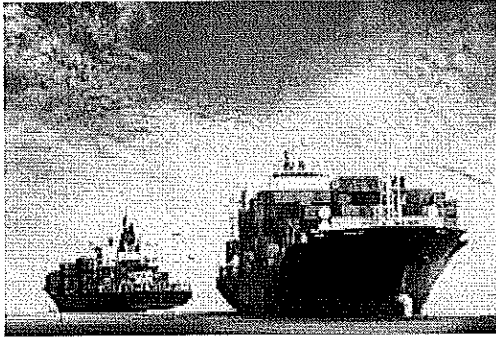


States now have the authority to legalize sports gambling. The United States Supreme Court struck down the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act (PAPSA) on 10th Amendment and anti-commandeering grounds. Essentially, the Supreme Court ruled that the federal government could not prevent states from legalizing sports gambling. After PAPSA went into effect on January 1, 1993, it effectively prevented any state from legalizing sports gambling unless a state had already legalized it. In effect, this meant Nevada, which had vast state-sponsored sports bettors, and three other states that had more restricted betting (Delaware, Montana, and Oregon) were permitted to continue to allow sports betting, but other states were prohibited from authorizing it. [Read more here.](#)

International Trade Benefits the States

NAFTA and the Power of Foreign Direct Investment to Create Jobs

Karla Jones and Ian Cook | Federalism and International Relations Task Force



The prospects for modernization of NAFTA this year are dwindling as the Administration discovers what trade negotiators have long known – that negotiating trade deals is complicated. While NAFTA needs updates, an imperfect NAFTA is far preferable to no NAFTA at all. Read more about how the states benefit from this vital trade framework [here](#). Much of current U.S. trade policy misses the importance of foreign direct investment (FDI) in growing the American economy and creating American jobs. Foreign-owned businesses are responsible for more than 6 million jobs in the U.S., and according to **U.S. Department of Commerce statistics** Germany has consistently ranked among the top countries investing in America. 674,000 Americans are employed by German firms and almost half of those jobs are in manufacturing. Representative of German Industry and Trade (RGIT) recently published an excellent analysis of the trade and commerce that occurs between Germany and each of the states underscoring the key role foreign investment plays in our nation especially at the state level. See how German business is helping to grow your state's economy [here](#) and access the RGIT report [here](#).

International Democracy

High Level American Officials Should Visit Taiwan & Malaysia Elected a New Prime Minister – He's 92 Years Old!

Karla Jones and Lacey White | American Legislative Exchange Council



The Taiwan Travel Act which encourages visits between U.S. and Taiwanese officials at all levels was signed into law by President Trump. Since 1979 the U.S. restricted such exchanges in a misguided and self-imposed effort to uphold the spirit of the one-China principle. This doctrine has failed to increase economic or political liberalization in China. Indeed, China's autocratic course has accelerated with the elimination of presidential term limits by China's Communist Party Committee earlier this year enabling President Xi Jinping to remain in power indefinitely. Meanwhile on the other side of the Strait, Taiwan has become a vibrant free market outpost in a global neighborhood where genuine liberal democracies are uncommon. Read more about the Taiwan Travel Act [here](#). Malaysia's incumbent president redrew the political map to ensure his reelection and lost! The new Prime Minister plans to rein in corruption and scrap legislation that had a chilling effect on press freedoms. Read more about it [here](#).

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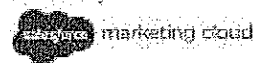


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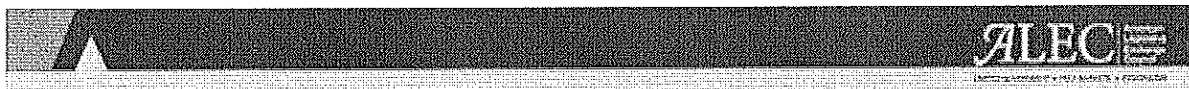
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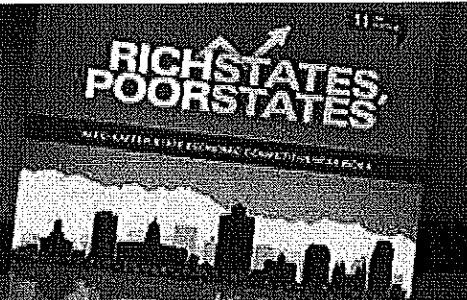
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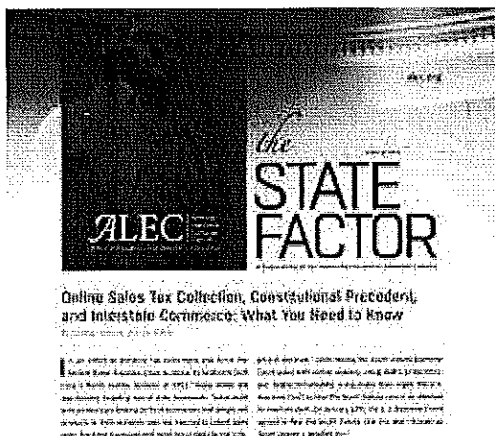


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Online Sales Tax

Learn More About Internet Sales Tax Ahead of Upcoming *Wayfair* Decision

Center for State Fiscal Reform



A Supreme Court decision is expected soon in the *South Dakota v. Wayfair* case before the U.S. Supreme Court, which is concerned with the collection of Sales Tax from online retailers. ALEC has produced a number of resources to educate lawmakers and policy leaders on the nuance of this issue, including a **State Factor Report**, an **Amicus Brief**, and an **Op-Ed in the Washington Examiner**. Check out these materials to learn about the topic ahead of this important decision.

Worker Freedom

Janus v. AFSCME: “Let Me Out”

Michael Slabinski and Ben Moulton | Commerce, Insurance, and Economic Development



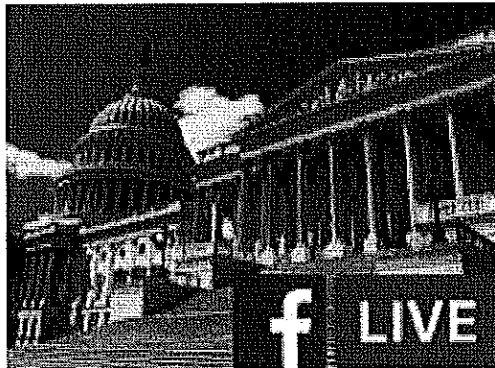
An upcoming U.S. Supreme Court decision, *Janus v. AFSCME*, will once again put the issue of union fees, as a condition of employment, back on the table. If Mark Janus wins his case against the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, millions of government workers across the country will no longer be forced to pay union dues that violate their First Amendment right.

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Facebook Live

Discussing State Responses to the Opioid Crisis

Ronald J. Lampard | Criminal Justice



Join us at **2:00 PM Today** for a Facebook Live discussion featuring Criminal Justice Director **Ronnie Lampard** discussing the state level responses to the opioid epidemic and identifying states that are leading the way in combatting it.

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Transportation and Taxes

Are Drivers Getting a Good Deal for Gas Taxes?

Grant Kidwell | Energy, Environment, and Agriculture



Are American drivers getting a good deal on roads for what they pay in gas taxes?

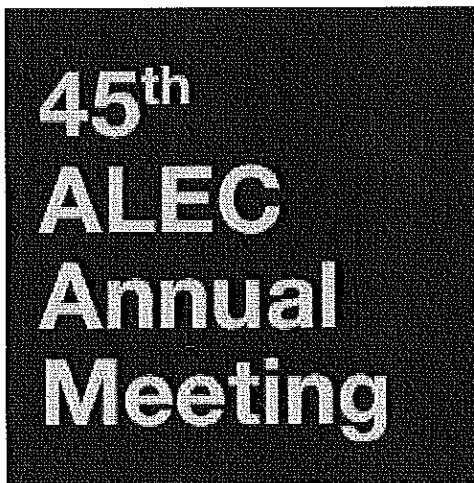
Most would struggle to answer the question since doing so would first require them knowing how much they pay in taxes at the pump. Americans are more likely to know how much they pay in sales taxes than they do in gas taxes. This is due to unique lack of transparency in transactions at gas stations.

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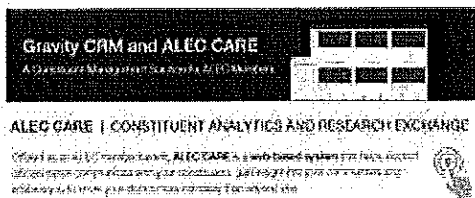


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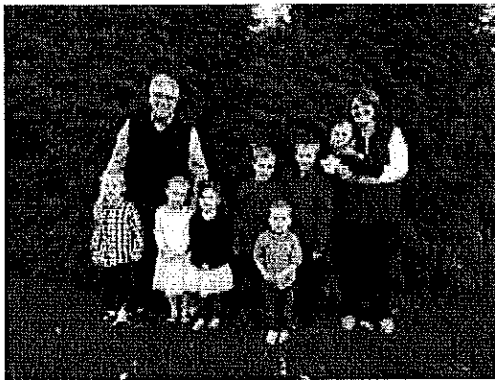


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ALEC-FreedomWorks Legislator of the Week

Working for Families in Indiana

Representative Dale DeVon | IN-5



This week, ALEC and FreedomWorks recognize **Indiana Representative Dale DeVon** as the Legislator of the Week. Representative DeVon is homebuilder and small business owner who recognizes the importance of affordable housing. He also emphasizes the importance of families, having worked as a youth leader in his church and working with at-risk children to help them with a better future.

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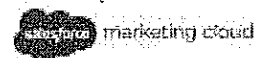


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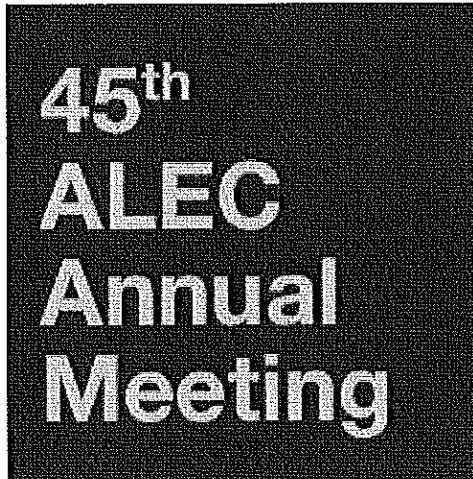
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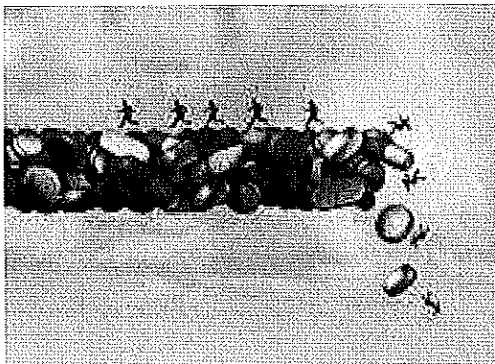
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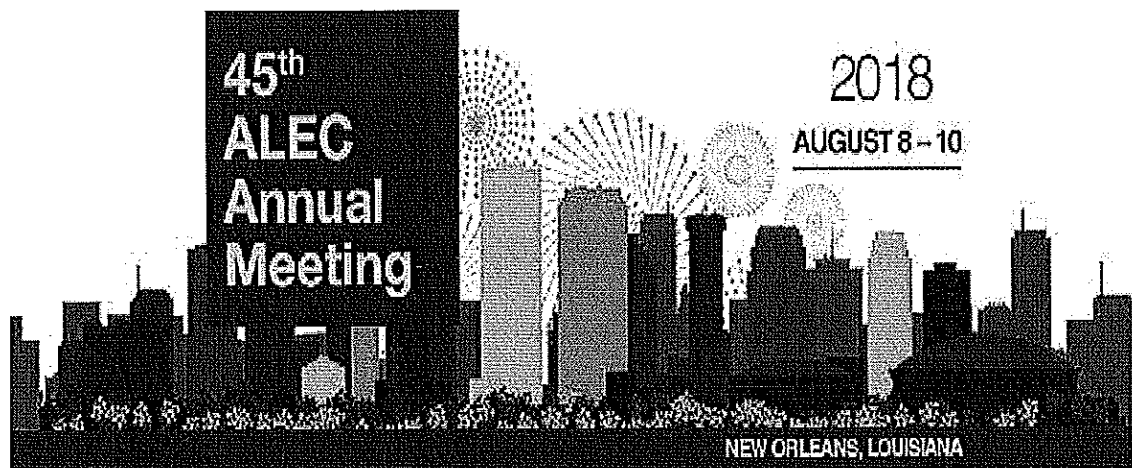
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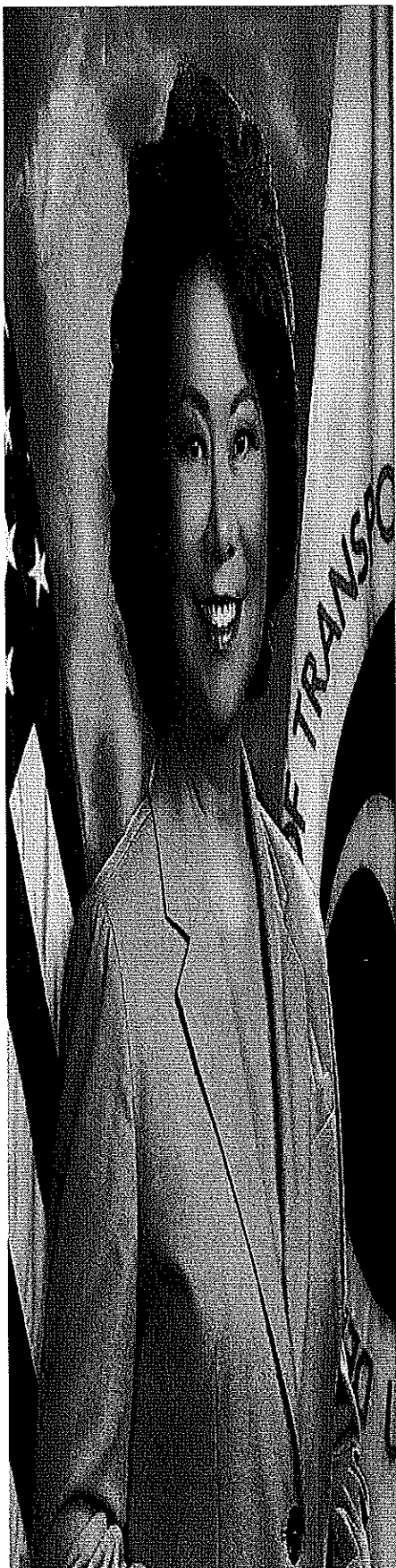


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Speaker Announcement!

Secretary Elaine L. Chao to Speak at Opening Session



Secretary Elaine L. Chao is currently the U.S. Secretary of Transportation. Secretary Chao has a distinguished career in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. She served as U.S. Secretary of Labor from 2001-January 2009, and is the first Asian American woman to be appointed to the President's cabinet in American history.

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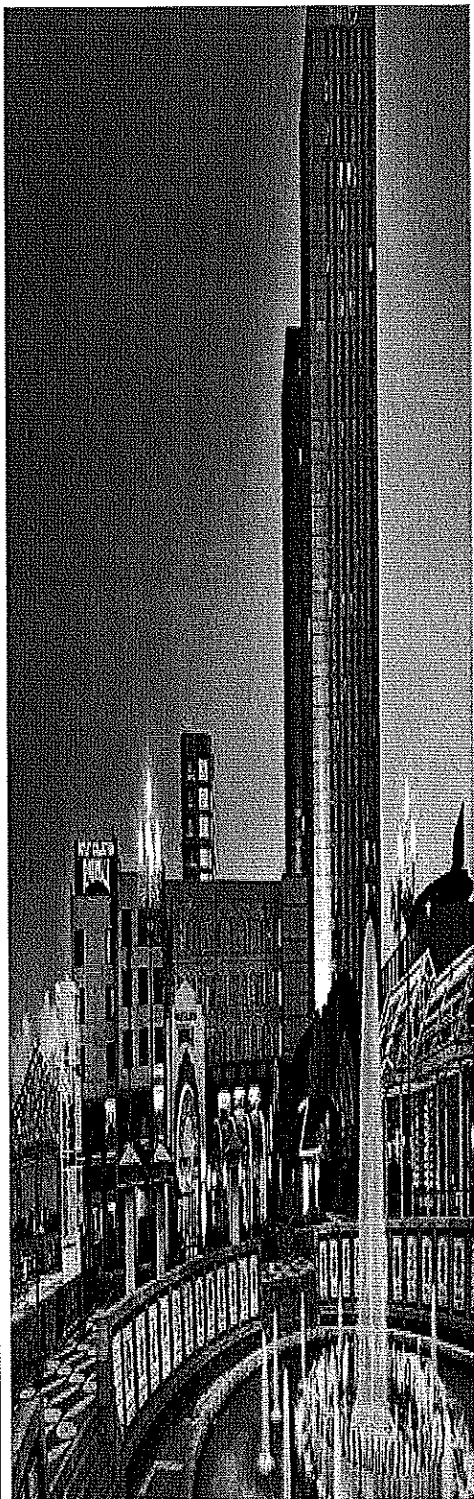
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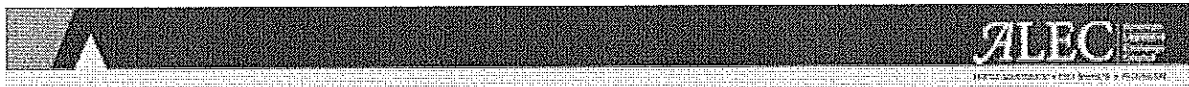
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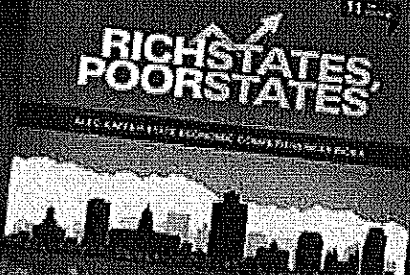
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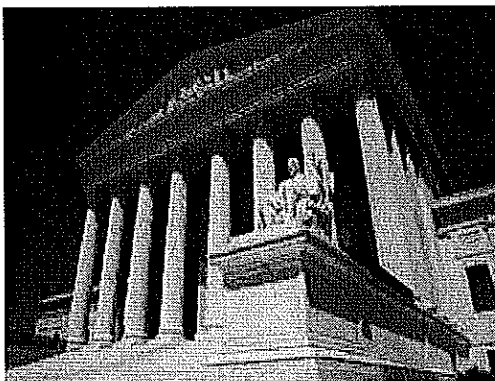


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ALEC Statement on *South Dakota v. Wayfair* Decision

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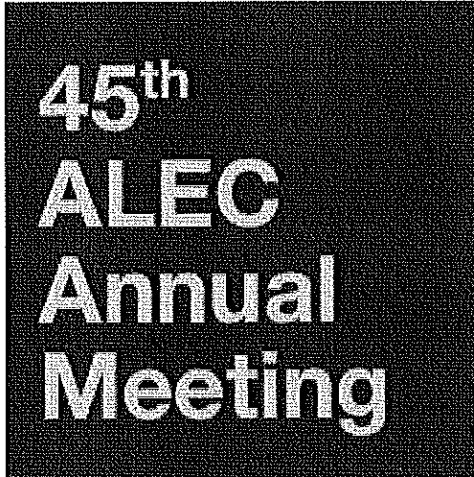
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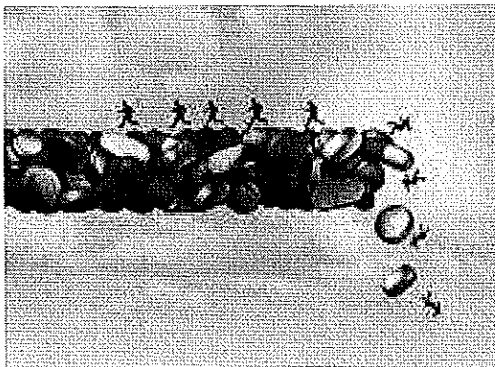
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ALEC-FreedomWorks Legislator of the Week

Good Leadership in Kansas

Sen. Susan Wagle | KS-30



This week, ALEC and Freedomworks introduce **Kansas Senator Susan Wagle** as this week's Legislator of the Week. Senator Wagle has served since 2013 as the 47th Senate President of Kansas. Prior to her time in the Senate, she was also the Speaker *pro tem* in the Kansas House of Representatives. Senator Wagle is a proponent of government transparency in contracting, stating "Transparency in these matters protects the contracts from political cronyism."

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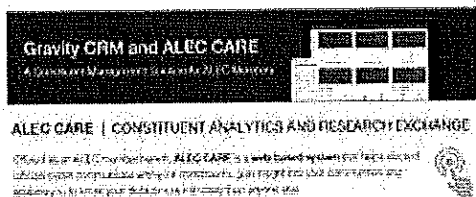


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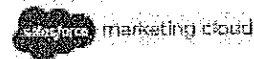


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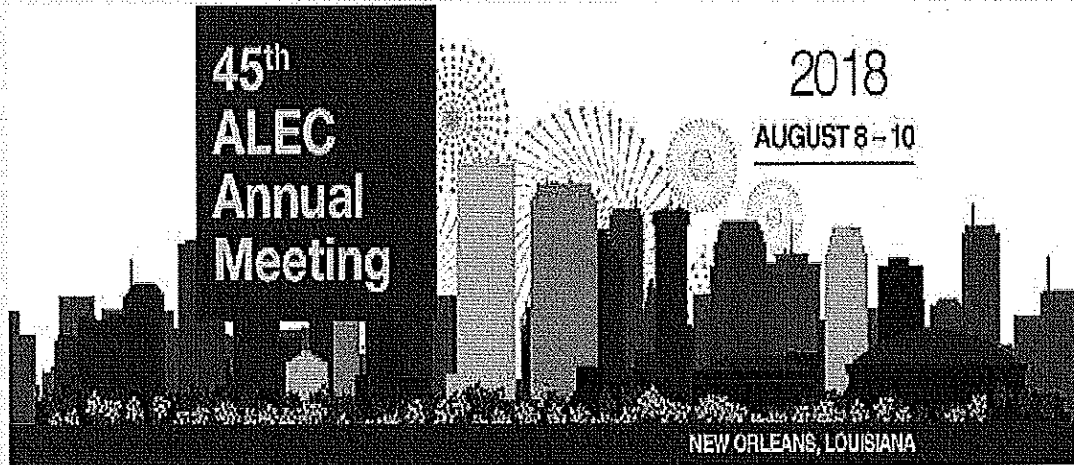
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